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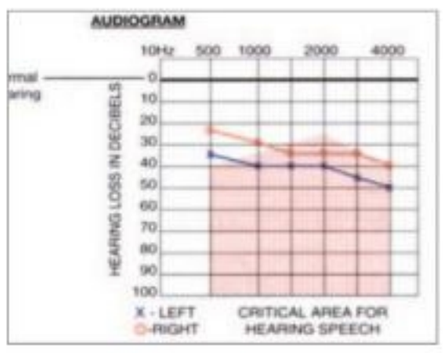

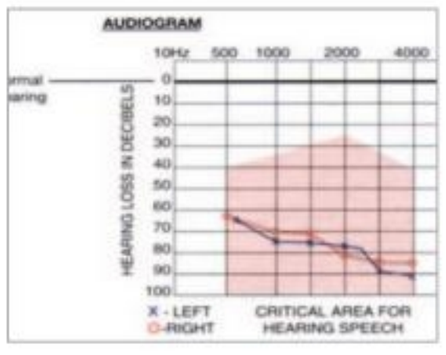

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1,700 fish killed after pollution hits stream

Day highlights social enterprise

By Sam Cooper

WINDRUSH Leisure Centre held an afternoon of activities to showcase the work of social enterprises in West Oxfordshire.

Visitors attended the centre in Witan Way to celebrate Social Saturday at the weekend when experts were on hand to offer tips on accessing funding, information and opportunities through local networks.

Oxfordshire is recognised as a hotbed of social enterprise activity with the centre's "commitment to investing in community sports, apprenticeships, and local health and wellbeing" being commended by the deputy chief executive of Social Enterprise UK, Nick Temple.

Centre director Jamie Coleshill, said: "We felt it was important to do our bit on Social Saturday and raise awareness of the fantastic contribution that social enterprises make in the Oxfordshire community."

Beneficiaries of Social Enterprise in Oxfordshire include talented rider Charlotte Bacon, of Shipton-under-Wychwood; Witney-based kick-boxing champion and Oxfordshire Junior Sports Person of the Year, India Mae Thompson; and local cyclist Natasha Reddy, who is a member of the RP Vision Cycling team.

Inquiry launched to trace culprit for ammonia leak

By George Welch

AN estimated 1,700 fish died after a chemical leak polluted a Witney stream.

Trout, perch and roach were among the species killed when the leak happened on Tuesday last week.

The leak, which affected a 1.5km stretch of Colwell Brook and Queen Emma's Dyke, caused the death of the fish because of high ammonia levels.

Thames Water, which launched an investigation into the leak, said water containing high ammonia levels had been deposited into the sewage system.

The polluted water then flowed through its treatment works in Ducklington Lane, Witney, into Colwell Brook and Queen Emma's Dyke next to Witney Lake, which was not been affected.

A Thames Water spokesman told the Guardian on Thursday : "We've identified high ammonia levels in the stream which we believe are due to discharges from our sewage treatment works.

"We're investigating what has caused these discharges to contain such high ammonia levels, most likely substances being put into the drainage network which shouldn't be there. Our specialist teams are urgently analysing samples to find out what has gone into the water, and we're continuing to support the Environment Agency (EA) in their work to protect the stream from further damage."

In an update on Tuesday, Thames Water said: "Our investigation into what caused these discharges to contain such high ammonia levels continues.

"We still believe the most likely cause is a substance being put into the drainage network which shouldn't be there, and we're trying to trace back how it got into our sewage system.

"We've had several sets of samples back from our labs, but, so far, they show nothing unusual, so whatever came through our treatment works we believe came through very fast. We're sharing our test results with the Environment Agency and will continue to work with them to thoroughly investigate where this substance came from."

The chairman of Witney Angling Society's Andy Lawson called Witney Town Council on Wednesday last week,

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Danaher denies making list of celebrity targets

By Katriona Ormiston

THE man accused of murdering Oxford book dealer Adrian Greenwood has admitted buying a stun gun disguised as an i-Phone but denied creating an 'enterprise' list of celebrity targets.

Michael Danaher, 50, of Hadrians Court, Peterborough, took the witness stand at Oxford Crown Court on Monday in a trial into the death of Adrian Greenwood at a house in Iffley Road, Oxford, on April 6.

Mr Greenwood, 42, was found by his cleaner the next day with 33 stab wounds. The court heard he was killed for a £50,000 first edition of 'The Wind in the Willows'.

Danaher, who denies murder but claims he killed Mr Greenwood in self-defence, told the jury a man who sometimes used his laptop must have created an 'enterprise' list of wealthy targets. Danaher would not name the man because he said an inmate in prison had threatened him.

He also said internet searches within 48 hours of Mr Greenwood's death for 'rich singletons', 'guns', 'getting away with murder', 'safes', 'Wind in the Willows', Beatrix Potter' and 'Peter Rabbit' were made by the unknown man.

Danaher said searches for the addresses of singer Louise Redknapp and sports broadcaster and retired footballer Gary Lineker were not made by him.

But Danaher did admit searching about Adrian Greenwood. He said: "I thought it would be good to learn from him and the way he advertises."

He told the jury of four women and eight men he saw the 'enterprise' list the man had created before buying a stun gun disguised as a black i-Phone a 'couple of days' later, on December 12, 2015. He said: "I just thought he was up to no good."

Danaher said he bought the £33 stun gun on the internet for his own safety, adding: "I was threatened by somebody [the unknown man] who I came to know last year and I felt not safe."

The jury had heard one of the listed 'enterprises' had been the victim of a botched robbery two weeks before Mr Greenwood's murder when Danaher posed as a delivery man to access Wonga investor Adrian Beecroft's North London home.

But Danaher said he had loaned his car and mobile phone to the unknown man who was of a similar build and it must have been he who went to the address.

After working in logistics for John Lewis in Berkshire until 1999, Danaher told the jury he moved to work for Perkins Engines in Peterborough before leaving in 2014 due to health problems.

He told the court he met Mr Greenwood at an auction in Henley probably 'at the tail end of 2015'.

Danaher visited Mr Greenwood's home in Iffley Road on March 17 and bought two crates of books from him. He said he told Mr Greenwood he would return a few weeks later to buy more if the books sold.

The trial continues.

• Adrian Greenwood

News Bites

Debate over A34

OXON: A debate into safety on the A34 following a number of serious and fatal collisions on the road will be held in Westminster next week.

Oxfordshire MPs Nicola Blackwood and Ed Vaizey, along with Newbury MP Richard Benyon, had been pushing for a debate to be held on making safety improvements along the length of the A34.

It comes after a number of crashes including an eight-vehicle collision near the East Ilsley junction in August in which a mother and three children were killed.

The debate will take place in Westminster Hall from 11am on Wednesday.

Man bailed

OXFORD: A man arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after a fire at a house in Oxford has been released on bail.

Police, fire and ambulance services were called to a house in Balfour Road at about 10am on Wednesday last week where a 35-year-old woman sustained 80 per cent burns.

The man has been bailed until December 13.

Police arrest nine in Oxford child sex abuse crackdown

NINE people have been arrested after police raided homes in Oxford as part of a child sex abuse crackdown.

Thames Valley Police carried out warrants at 11 properties across the city in an operation involving about 160 officers.

The raids, known as Operation Rolo took place at dawn on Tuesday, and included properties in East Oxford, Cowley and Headington, and related to the alleged abuse of two girls between 2002 and 2004.

Following the arrests, local police area commander for Oxford, Supt Joe Kidman, said although "this is a complex investigation", tackling child sexual exploitation, both non-recent and current, is an "absolute priority" for the force.

As part of the investigation, police are appealing for information in relation to an incident that occurred at night time, late in 2004.

The victim, a 16-year-old girl, was walking at the St Clements roundabout in Oxford when a silver-coloured people carrier pulled up beside her.

A group of Asian men told the girl she should get in and, fearing that she would be assaulted if she did not do as she was told, she got in the car.

She was told that she would be sexually assaulted and was taken to Cutteslowe Park.

After being let out of the vehicle, she managed to escape unharmed from the men and ran into the park where she hid from them until they left.

Eventually, when she was convinced that they had left, she walked away from the park.

A woman driving a car then approached the victim as she was walking between Cutteslowe Park and Oxford city centre, and asked what she was doing, and then offered the victim a lift home.

The victim accepted this, and later got out of the car at the Headington roundabout.

The incident was first reported to Thames Valley Police officers in October 2015.

Contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

An online message from Supt Joe Kidman on Operation Rolo can be seen here: https://youtu.be/7UhmiTleZkQ

• Police officers gear up for their role in Operation Rolo

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Carterton PC assaulted victim after they visited pubs

Officer convicted of rape

By George Welch

A THAMES Valley Police officer from Carterton has been convicted of rape, the force has confirmed.

PC Richard Hale, 35, of Peel Place, was found guilty by an unanimous jury of one count of rape following a trial that began on Monday, October 3, at Oxford Crown Court.

On December 3, 2001, Hale met the victim - a woman in her 20s - and they visited pubs in Witney before travelling to a property in Peel Place where Hale raped her.

The victim reported the incident to police on June 27, 2012.

PC Hale, who joined the force in April 2003, was issued with a postal requisition in connection with the offence on October 20, 2015, and suspended from duty on October 26, 2015.

Assistant Chief Constable Jason Hogg said: "The conviction of Hale demonstrates that Thames Valley Police takes all reports of sexual offences extremely seriously and will investigate to ensure offenders, whoever they may be and regardless of any positions they hold, are brought to justice.

"The force treats all allegations against our officers and staff with the utmost gravity.

"Our priorities in relation to protecting the public are clear - there is no place in the force for those who commit offences of this nature. Victims of all sexual offences, regardless of when they occurred, should feel confident in reporting incidents to us."

A misconduct investigation by the force's Professional Standards Department has been launched following PC Hale's conviction.

Hale was remanded in custody to appear at the same court for sentencing on a date yet to be confirmed.

• Earlier this year, former sergeant Michael Bromell, who had been working in the Cherwell local policing area, was sacked after he was found to have committed gross misconduct and breached the standard of professional behaviour. Between summer 2011 and November 2014, he had held a knife at a colleague's neck and shot at fellow officers with a BB gun. He lost his job in April.

Council warns people not to go swimming in town lake

• *From front page*

saying dead fish had been found in Queen Emma's Dyke and that anglers had been working to rescue as many as they could.

The council warned people they should not go swimming in, or allow their dogs to enter, the lake, although it had not been directly impacted, it contained untreated water.

The Environment Agency has classified it as a category 1 pollution incident - the most severe type. Its statement read: "Environment Agency officers immediately responded and discovered over 1,700 dead fish, high levels of ammonia on the affected stretch as well as low dissolved oxygen levels on Colwell Brook."

A full ecology survey was undertaken on Thursday.

The EA added: "Thames Water have deployed aerators (pumping oxygen into the affected areas) and have stopped discharging into the watercourse via Witney sewage treatment works.

"The River Windrush has not been badly affected by the incident but investigations are still ongoing to determine the source of the pollution."

The EA said on Tuesday: "Environment Agency monitoring shows water quality is recovering in the Colwell Brook and Emma's Dyke following a pollution incident at Witney sewage treatment works last week.

"The sewage works is now back to full treatment. While this incident has had a huge impact on fish, levels of oxygen vital for the health of the river have returned to what we would expect for this time of year.

"We will continue to monitor the recovery of the river. The local Witney Lake was not affected as it is not fed by these watercourses.

"Our investigation continues to find out who is responsible for this pollution incident."

A post on the 'Spotted Witney Official' Facebook group initially made people aware of the leak on Tuesday. It read: "Warning to dog owners. Do not go along the river from Ducklington to Stanton Harcourt. There has been some sort of chemical/pollution spill into the river. I have phoned Thames Water and I think they are closing the footpaths."

• *The confluence of Colwell Brook and Queen Emma's Dyke (Picture by P L Chadwick/geograph.org.uk)*

News Bites

By-election day

WITNEY: Today sees Witney voters head to the polls to elect their new MP after the Witney by-election was called when former Prime Minister David Cameron stepped down.

There are 14 candidates: Amelia Arno (One Love Party), Dickie Bird (UKIP), David Bishop (Bus-Pass Elvis Party), Robert Courts (Conservative), Duncan Enright (Labour), Mad Hatter (Official Monster Raving Loony Party), Liz Leffman (Liberal Democrat), Lord Toby Jug (The Eccentric Party of Great Britain), Adam Knight (independent), Winston McKenzie (English Democrats), Helen Salisbury (National Health Action Party), Larry Sanders (Green Party), Daniel Skidmore (independent), Nicholas Ward (independent).

■ Coverage of the result in next week's Oxfordshire Guardian and online at www.oxfordshireguardian.co.uk.

Surgery meeting

WITNEY: Witney Town Council is to host a public meeting to discuss the planned closure of Deer Park Medical Centre at the Corn Exchange at 6.30pm next Wednesday.

Charities boost

WITNEY: Libfest has donated £25,500 to the charities Children's Hospice Arts (chART), SeeSaw and Thames Valley Air Ambulance following a festival held in memory of Witney teenager Liberty Baker.

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Clumps under threat from £5m Earth Trust expansion

By George Welch

ONE of Oxfordshire's iconic landscape features, Wittenham Clumps, is in danger from a £5m expansion of the Earth Trust's headquarters at Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, according to a group of local residents.

A new access road is proposed off Sires Hill, a car park for 185 vehicles, a café-cum-farm shop, two classrooms for schoolchildren, an amphitheatre for plays and exhibitions and replica Stone Age roundhouses.

But the Sires Hill Residents' Association (SHRA) has lodged an objection with South Oxfordshire District Council about what it calls the Trust's "ambitious project".

The chief executive of the Earth Trust, Jayne Manley, said Wittenham Clumps receives "more visits than any other free to access greenspace in the south east" and, with a projected increase in visitor numbers, the Trust needs to make changes to "manage this properly and minimise the impact on the local community and the environment".

The Earth Trust, whose centre is a popular venue for schools, says that, as the population of the area grows, more demands will be made on the area and the expansion of the site is to cater for the increasing number of visitors. The development is planned in three phases over eight years depending on funding.

Dr Manley said: "We take our guardianship of it very seriously.

"Our plans have been developed over the last three years and have involved the community and visitors, as well as statutory bodies and stakeholders."

• *Wittenham Clumps (Picture by Dave Price / Geograph)*

She said a public consultation during the summer had received huge support and the proposals well received.

SHRA said: "The plan is not in keeping with the Trust's aims of promoting the conservation and protection of the natural and physical environment, wildlife, historical and archaeological features."

Wittenham Clumps, a conservation farm, as well as extensive woodlands and the Sinodun Hills, form the 500-hectare estate.

The residents say the Trust's plans ignore guidelines and will neither conserve nor enhance the landscape.

Thief jailed for multiple crimes

A "PROLIFIC" criminal has been sentenced to more than three years in jail for burglary and robbery.

Jake Smith, of Luther Street, Oxford, pleaded guilty to one count of robbery, two counts of burglary and one count of fraud at Oxford Crown Court on Monday October 10.

The 26-year-old was sentenced at the same hearing to 40 months' imprisonment.

On May 23, Smith stole a number of credit cards during a burglary in Boars Hill.

On the same day he also burgled a property in The Motte, Abingdon, but did not take anything on this occasion.

The following day he committed fraud using credit cards he had stolen in a local shop.

He then robbed a 73-year-old man in Luther Street on July 10 stealing cash.

Det Sgt Aidan Donohoe of Local CID, said: "Smith is a prolific criminal whose offending is fuelled by his drug addiction. I'm glad the court recognised the seriousness of his crimes."

• *Giles Coren tweeted his disgust with his breakfast*

Food critic laughs at Oxford hotel

RESTAURANT critic Giles Coren has blasted a five star restaurant in Oxford for its "scandalous" breakfast.

In his Saturday column for The Times, he described the £21.50 fry up at the Randolph Hotel on Beaumont Street as "the worst thing I have ever been served in any establishment of any kind ever, anywhere in the world".

In addition to his damning review, he also added a photo of his food – which he uploaded to social networking site Twitter – to justify his criticism.

Writing in The Times, the columnist said: "I rarely laugh when I am served a plate of food…So I surprised myself - and everyone else in the very grand dining room in which I was sitting - when, one morning last week, I laughed at my breakfast."

Mr Coren, who was working in the city on a show for Sky Arts, added: "What they served me for breakfast at the Randolph Hotel was at best scandalous and at worst a fully illustrated announcement of the Death of the English Breakfast."

He also slated the quality of service and the ingredients calling the mushrooms "awful - like cuttings from the scrotum of a tanned badger".

Mr Coren rated the Randolph Hotel's breakfast and service as 0, but he did give the location 10/10, giving the hotel a score of 3.33.

The Randolph said it was "disappointed" with the review and pointed out that continental breakfast fare is also includedw for that price with the cooked breakfast.

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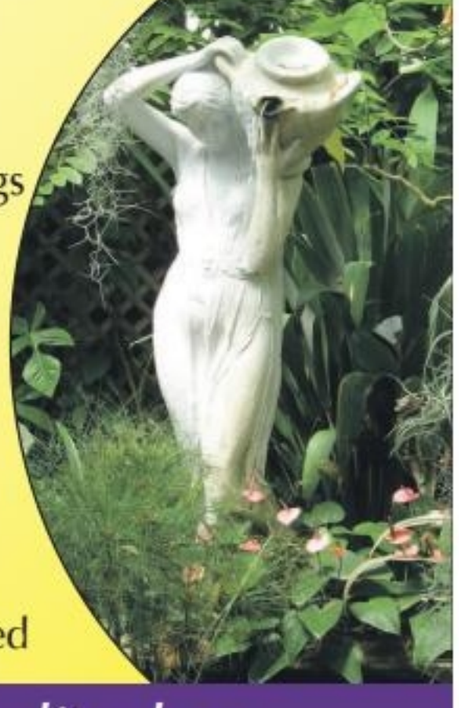
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Secretary of State drops in to meet town's UTC pupils

By Sam Cooper

THE benefit of developing home-grown talent was highlighted by the Education Secretary on a visit to the University Technical College Oxfordshire.

Staff and pupils welcomed Justine Greening to the school in Greenwood Way, Harwell, Didcot, where she gained an insight into the industry-focussed school, to inform her plans as Education Secretary.

After enjoying lunch with the pupils on Monday, Ms Greening chatted with them about their experiences of the business- and university-sponsored school which opened in September 2015.

The college caters for young people aged 14 to 19 when they are likely to have a better idea of what they are interested in and where they can gain practical experience and develop skills that will help them into work or university.

After her tour which included the 3D printing facilities in the engineering department where she was given a 3D printed fish as a souvenir, the Education Secretary spoke about the benefit of UTCs, welcoming the options they offer pupils outside of the 'classic' curriculum.

She told the Guardian how UTCs helped to bring home-grown talent within reach of local manufacturers such as the Mini assembly plant in Oxford. Ms Greening said she recognised not every pupil would thrive in a traditional school environment and that the "diversity and choice" offered by UTCs presented an alternative to grammar schools currently being promoted by the Government.

She said there was a need to have a "world class" education system, not just in academic subjects but also in technical areas.

While some UTCs are failing to attract enough students, Ms Greening said Oxfordshire was thriving and appeared to be growing but said the intake could be improved further by working with other local schools to make pupils aware of the options open to them.

Principal Owain Johns welcomed Ms Greening's visit, saying the UTC was "committed to helping our students gain the qualifications and experience that their future employers are looking for".

Cameron condemned as one of Britain's worst prime ministers

• David Cameron

The post-war league table of Prime Ministers

1. Clement Attlee, Labour 1945-51
2. Margaret Thatcher, Conservative 1979-90
3. Tony Blair, Labour 1997-2007
4. Harold Macmillan, Conservative 1857-63
5. Harold Wilson, Labour 1964-70 and 74-76
6. John Major, Conservative 1990-97
7. Winston Churchill, Conservative 1951-55
8. James Callaghan, Labour 1976-79
9. Edward Heath, Conservative 1970-74
10. Gordon Brown, Labour 2007-10
11. David Cameron, Conservative 2010-16
12. Alec Douglas-Home, Conservative 1963-64
13. Anthony Eden, Conservative 1955-57

POLITICAL experts have rated David Cameron as the third worst prime minister in modern history.

The former Conservative leader came third from bottom in the table of post-war leaders rated by the country's political academics and commentators.

Nearly 90 per cent of those polled cited the EU referendum as the former Witney MP's greatest failure. Only Sir Anthony Eden, who oversaw the Suez crisis in 1956, and Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who only survived in power for a year, were ranked lower.

The survey of UK-based academics specialising in post-1945 British history or British politics was carried out by Professor Kevin Theakston, of University of Leeds, and Mark Gill of research company Woodnewton Associates.

Prof Theakston said: "For all his achievements as a successful coalition prime minister, David Cameron's reputation and place in history seems destined to be defined by Brexit and his calling and losing the referendum. Academic opinion, as reflected in our survey, is currently pretty damning."

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Motorcyclist killed

EAST HENDRED: A 53-year-old man died when his motorcycle crashed on a road in South Oxfordshire on Saturday.

The crash happened on the A417 Reading Road in East Hendred at 9.55am as the rider of the Honda CBR 650 was travelling towards Didcot.

South Central Ambulance Service, supported by the air ambulance, confirmed the rider was dead at the scene. His next of kin have been informed.

Sgt Edward Crofts, of the joint operations roads policing unit based at Abingdon, said: "We are appealing for anyone who may have seen a Honda motorcycle travelling from the direction of Wantage towards Didcot on the A417.

"Our thoughts are with the man's family at this very difficult time."

Contact police on 101.

Christmas fun

OXFORD: The programme for this year's Oxford's Christmas Light Festival, which will include a procession of lanterns through the city centre, is to be announced at City of Oxford College in Oxpens next Thursday.

Oxford is due to celebrate the festive season with its annual Christmas Light Festival from Friday, November 25, to Sunday, November 27.

The theme for 2016 is Winter Tales and the weekend will start with a lantern parade featuring more than 300 schoolchildren walking their specially-made lanterns through the city's streets.

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Study claims collecting data could help cut attendances at hospital A&E

PEOPLE living in deprived areas of Oxfordshire are 70 per cent more likely to go to A&E with an unintentional injury than those living in less deprived areas, a study has found.

The report, published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health by researchers at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), said collecting more data could reduce the number of A&E attendances.

It claimed the data could be collected relatively easily to help understand injury patterns in communities.

In its conclusions, the study found that people living in the most deprived parts of Oxfordshire were 70 per cent more likely to attend an emergency department with an unintentional injury than those living in the least deprived parts.

Since January 2012, data has been collected at the A&E departments of the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford and Horton Hospital in Banbury.

The project at the two hospitals aimed to learn about the development of the new NHS emergency care dataset project under way across England.

Campaigners in call on refugee children

By George Welch

OXFORDSHIRE councillors, trade unions and campaign groups supported an Oxford rally as part of a national day of action for refugee children.

The Oxford protest on Friday, which took place at Carfax Tower, was followed by a national demonstration at Parliament on Saturday.

The protests were called for by Labour peer Alf Dubs and Stand Up To Racism.

The campaigners demanded that the 'Dub's Amendment' to the Immigration Bill was enacted immediately to bring unaccompanied refugee children to the UK.

The amendment would oblige the Home Secretary to treat unaccompanied child refugees at a camp in the French port of Calais as potential UK citizens, therefore coming under child protection requirements.

The Bill was passed in May but the Government is yet to act to allow unaccompanied refugee children into Britain.

Labour city councillor Susanna Pressel said: "Oxford City Council is happy to support this campaign to rescue the children stuck in the camps in Calais, especially those who have families in the UK.

"It is shameful that it is taking so long to bring them over.

"We hope that more foster carers will be inspired to come forward, so that we can also offer homes to other refugee children at risk."

More 1,000 children are in the camp in Calais, many of which are believed to have family in Britain.

The fate of 129 unaccompanied children who disappeared after the partial destruction of the camp last February is still unknown, and the children in the camp are at risk as French authorities are expected to start its demolition soon.

Ian Mckendrick, of Oxford Stand Up To Racism, said: "Europol reports that at least 10,000 refugee children have gone missing in Europe, likely victims of trafficking gangs abducting the children to abuse and exploit.

"Our government should not be spending its energies on scapegoating migrants and refugees while this kind of abuse goes on. Unaccompanied child refugees need action now to protect them from predatory gangs. The British government must live up to its moral responsibilities and act before it's too late. We can't allow another generation of young refugees to face oppression and poverty alone."

Let the refugee children in
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Refugees welcome

• *Clockwise from top left, Mohammed Azad, Councillors Jamila Azad, rear centre, Dan Iley-Williamson, David Henwood and Susanna Pressel make their plea on behalf of refugee children*

News Bites

Festival funded

OXFORD: Oxford City Council has been awarded £140,000 from Arts Council England to continue the Dancin' Oxford festival for three more years.

The funding, from the Grants for the Arts pot, will enable the festival, which stages three events a year, to run until 2019.

Missed out

OXFORD: Oxford's Frideswide Square missed out on a national transport award.

The £6.7m project had a chance to win in the Road Safety, Traffic Management and Enforcement category at the National Transport Times awards last week.

But judges gave the award to Glasgow City Council, Transport Scotland, Police Scotland, and Glasgow 2014 Ltd for their Commonwealth Games Route Network and Traffic Management Plans.

Homes visited

S OXON: Households across South Oxfordshire and the Vale who have not confirmed who is living in their property will receive a phone call or visit.

The South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse district councils need the forms filled out to sign residents up to the electoral register to vote in future elections.

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Cannabis seized

OXFORD: A large amount of cannabis was seized by police from a home in south Oxford last week.

The force's neighbourhood policing team carried out a warrant at a house in Abingdon Road on Wednesday.

They carried out the raid under Section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act.

It is not known if any arrests have been made.

Pamela speaks

OXFORD: American actress and model Pamela Anderson appeared at the Oxford Union on Saturday to speak about the negative impacts of online pornography.

Together with Rabbi-Counsellor Shmuley Boteach, she spoke about the "corrosive effects of pornography".

Calls to Childline increase in wake of creepy clowns

By George Welch

A COUNSELLING service for young people has received a 'sudden deluge' of calls from children frightened by people dressing up as 'creepy clowns'.

Childline said that a quarter of its calls about clowns last week came from children under 11 and more than a third came from young people aged between 12 and 15.

Thames Valley Police said on Sunday last week it had received 14 calls in 24 hours relating to incidents involving clowns, including one in Abingdon.

There have also been other reports of clown sightings across the county, including Grove, Witney and Kidlington, where a man dressed as a clown carrying a baseball bat chased a 10-year-old child through a park.

Police have warned the clowns they risk a criminal record following dozens of sightings across the county.

The craze of dressing up as clowns and scaring people on the streets started in the United States in late summer.

Videos of the pranks on social media led to the trend crossing the Atlantic to the UK, with a number of incidents taking place over the last fortnight.

An NSPCC spokesman said: "The sudden deluge of contacts to Childline reflects an increase of reported incidents across the UK.

"Cases reported to police have involved clowns chasing children with weapons such as knives or baseball bats and, in some instances, clowns have been specifically targeting schools."

The spokesman added: "People getting dressed up as 'creepy clowns' and frightening children should take a long hard look at themselves.

"Clowns are meant to make children laugh but these people are abusing this idea and turning it into something twisted and warped."

• Scores of scared children have called Childline over 'killer clowns'

Blood vessels study to aid new heart attack treatment

SCIENTISTS at Oxford University are set to investigate how blood vessels are made following new funding from the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Dr Sarah De Val and her team have been awarded £73,000 to study the mechanisms that control blood vessel growth.

The study is part of a major research programme funded by the Mending Broken Hearts Appeal aimed at learning how to repair the damage caused by a heart attack.

Currently, the damage caused by a heart attack is permanent as the majority of heart muscle cells that die are not replaced.

But previous research shows that it may be possible to grow new heart muscle by reactivating a dormant growth function in heart cells.

Blood vessels supply the heart muscle with nutrients and remove waste, meaning efforts to grow new heart muscle will only succeed if new blood vessels can also be produced.

Dr Sarah De Val, who is leading the research project, said: "There has been a lot of debate about how blood vessels develop in the heart.

"If we can better understand where blood vessels come from and what controls their growth it will help bring us closer to be able to mend the damage caused by a heart attack."

In the UK there are 188,000 hospital visits each year due to a heart attack, the equivalent of one every three minutes.

Dr Subreena Simrick, Research Adviser at the BHF, said: "Being able to grow new blood vessels is essential if we want to repair damaged heart muscle, and this research will provide valuable insight into how that process works.

"Funding research like this is crucial to saving lives. We're only able to do this because of the public's generosity. And it is only through the public's continued support that we will be able to discover new ways to beat heart disease."

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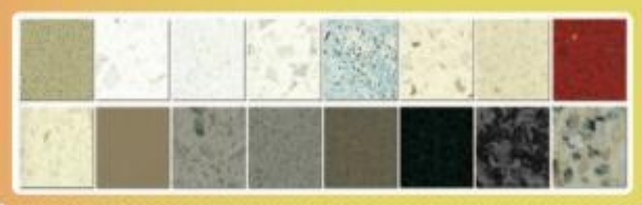

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Work by artists with learning difficulties exhibited in Oxford

By George Welch

A GROUP of artists with learning disabilities, who have broken out from community arts into mainstream professional arts, held an exhibition at Modern Art Oxford.

Film Oxford presented the new work by the Shadowlight Artists, an independent group of artists with learning disabilities based in Oxfordshire.

The week-long exhibition ran until Sunday, including installation, painting and digital media, the project formed part of Film Oxford's 30th anniversary celebrations.

The Shadowlight Artists are a six-strong group - Tom Breach, Mark Hemsworth, Russell Highsmith, Richard Hunt, Lucy Skuce and Danny Smith - working in a variety of media, but with a shared interest in digital forms.

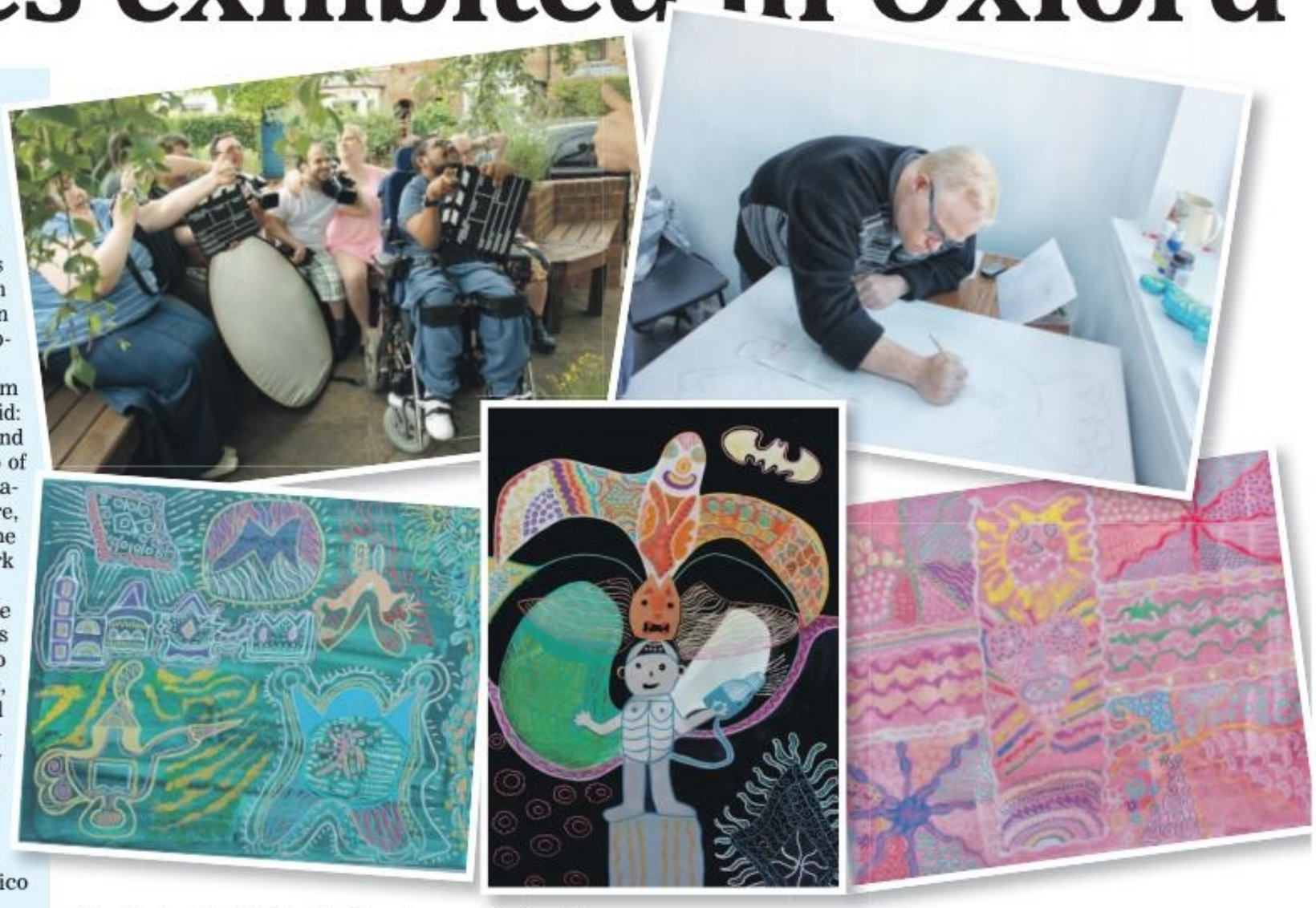
The group was formed in 2008 as a result of Film Oxford's Flash Frame project with the aim to identify individuals who showed artistic potential.

Since then, they have produced work that has reached audiences in the UK and beyond, spanning media from painting and sculptural installation to film and theatrical production.

The exhibition showcased the work produced during the Creative Bridges project, which allowed each member to produce work in collaboration with an established professional artist.

Course manager at Film Oxford, Richard Duriez, said: "Film Oxford sought out and found this talented group of artists with learning disabilities living in Oxfordshire, and supported them to come together to create new work and exhibit.

"The main purpose of the group is to support artists with learning disabilities to break into the mainstream, raising the profile of all people with such disabilities. Formed in 2008, they have built a growing local, national and international profile with screenings of their work in London, New York, Toronto, Mexico and more."



• *The Shadowlight Artists, top left, and some of their work*

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New care service launched to help cut bed-blocking

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW service aimed at reducing bed-blocking has been launched in North Oxfordshire.

Called HART, Home Assessment Reablement Team, the service aims to deliver more care in patients' own homes.

The system kicks in once patients, particularly elderly people, have been treated after a minor accident or illness at Banbury's Horton General Hospital.

When patients are medically fit to leave hospital, but still need support at home, the HART team will take over the care.

It comes as services at the Oxford Road hospital have been cut.

Jointly commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the HART service is run by Oxford University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (OUH).

• *The new HART service has been launched to help prevent bed-blocking*

It replaces the Supported Hospital Discharge Service and the Oxfordshire Reablement Service.

Paul Brennan, OUH's director of clinical services, said: "This service is part of our strategy of delivering care to patients in the most appropriate environment for them, working closely with other services, such as the County Council, Oxford Health, the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, GP surgeries and charities, to make sure people are being referred.

"Evidence shows that many patients, in particular frail older people, have a better experience and better outcomes when an inpatient stay is avoided and when they receive integrated support in an environment where they feel more comfortable. This approach has the added benefit of freeing up beds in our hospitals for the most seriously-ill patients."

In June 2015, Oxfordshire was the worst in England for bed-blocking, with an average of 131 patients a day unnecessarily in hospital.

Figures published in July this year show the number has reduced by more than 45 per cent.

Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for adult social care, said: "I am delighted to see the start of a new service that will help people improve their independence and live well in the community."

Under-fives given a chance to drive

NEW driving lessons for children as young as five will be launched in Bicester this month.

• *The Firefly electric car*

Young Driver Motor Cars, which runs driving lessons for under-17s, has developed an electric car called Firefly, specially for five- to 10-year-olds.

The Firefly handles and drives like a full-sized car, and is a two-seater, so parents, friends or siblings can go along for the drive. It has a top speed of 10mph and safety system which detects obstacles.

Based at Bicester Heritage, off Buckingham Road, Young Driver Motor Cars has a purpose-built indoor driving arena. Older children, aged 10 to 17, can take a lesson in a dual-control Skoda Citigos.

Kim Stanton, who heads Young Driver, said:"We feel passionately that it's never too young to start learning to be a safe driver.

"Firefly is something very special, it's a real car in its own right."

Children can get behind the wheel of the Firefly or Skoda at Bicester Heritage on Sunday, October 23.

For more information, view youngdriver.eu.

News Bites

Grants on offer

BICESTER: Voluntary groups are being urged to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to develop community projects in the town.

Government funding of £40,000 was given to Bicester because of its status as both a Garden Town and Healthy New Town.

Cherwell District Council leader Barry Wood said: "The SPARK Fund is designed to support grassroots projects."

View community.services@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk.

Sports survey

N OXON: People are being urged to take part in an online survey to help guide future sports development across Cherwell.

George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said: "Whether it's a fitness class in a leisure centre or a stroll or jog around the park, we want to know just how popular these amenities are and how they are being used."

For more information about the online survery, view the website: www.Cherwell.gov.uk.

Charity fair date

THAME: This year's charity fair will be held on Saturday, November 5, from 10am to 2pm, at Thame Town Hall.

There will be stalls from about 20 local groups selling a range of products including gifts, floral arrangements, plants, preserves, books, cards and toys.

There will be a tombola and raffle for adults and children. Refreshments will be organised by Thame Brownies and Girl Guides.

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1,000 new jobs for Travelodge

• *Travelodge, Abingdon Road*

OXFORDSHIRE-BASED hotel group Travelodge is to recruit 1,000 new staff as it prepares to open hotels in six UK locations.

The positions include openings for managers, housekeepers, receptionists, bar staff and cleaners.

The bulk of the jobs will be at new hotels in London, Stockport, East Grinstead, Kings Lynn, Andover and Peterhead.

Travelodge operations director Debbie Husband said: "Joining a hotel company opens the door to training, career progression and roles in new countries."

Travelodge announced in February it was planning to open six more hotels in Oxfordshire, after its £6.5 million building was unveiled in Abingdon Road, Oxford, in December.

The chain wants to open hotels in Oxford, Abingdon, Didcot, Witney, Banbury and Henley.

Driverless cars tested on public roads in UK

By George Welch

• *Could driverless cars become a familiar sight on our roads?*

A DRIVERLESS vehicle equipped with Oxford-developed software has been tested successfully in public for the first time in the UK.

The two-seater electric vehicle travelled in a 1km (0.6-mile) loop on the pavements around Milton Keynes' railway station and business district on Tuesday last week.

In the future, it is expected that vehicles such as the one demonstrated in Milton Keynes will be used for local transportation in urban areas.

The autonomy software running the vehicle, called Selenium, was developed by Oxford University's Oxford Robotics Institute and integrated by Oxford University spinout company Oxbotica.

Selenium uses data from cameras and LIDAR systems to navigate its way around the environment.

It is hoped a fleet of 40 pods will be available to the public next year.

The demonstration in Milton Keynes was coordinated by the Transport Systems Catapult (TSC) and marked the conclusion of the LUTZ Pathfinder project, which has been running for the past 18 months.

Graeme Smith, CEO at Oxbotica, said the day was a "landmark step towards bringing self-driving vehicles to the streets of the UK and the world".

Professor Paul Newman, a professor of information engineering in Oxford University's department of engineering science and co-founder of Oxbotica, said: "It's great to see our research ideas having a life of their own beyond the lab and being used in public, for the public.

"Our work with the TSC has given us the opportunity to accelerate the development of our system into the public domain and has given us a platform from which we can now take our expertise on to the world stage."

The project team ran a number of exercises in preparation for the demonstration, including virtual mapping of Milton Keynes, assessing public acceptance, conducting the necessary safety planning and establishing the regulatory environment with the support of Milton Keynes Council.

Neil Fulton, programme director at the TSC, said: "This public demonstration represents a major milestone for autonomous vehicles in the UK.

"Oxford University's technology will go on to power automated vehicles around the world. Driverless vehicles are coming to Britain, and what we have demonstrated today is a huge step on that journey."

News Bites

Brexit affects aid

OXFORD: Charities have said the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people are being put at risk by the falling value of the pound since the decision was made to exit the EU.

Oxford-based charity Oxfam says it may need to stop or curtail future aid programmes because aid is not going as far in vulnerable areas of the world due to weaker buying power.

Oxbridge pupils

OXON: State school teachers regularly fail to advise their brightest pupils to apply to Oxbridge - with many underestimating their chances of success, a study says.

The research, conducted by the Sutton Trust, shows 43 per cent of teachers rarely or never recommend that their best students should apply to Cambridge or Oxford University.

MP's appointment

WANTAGE AND DIDCOT: MP Ed Vaizey has been officially sworn in to the Privy Council - the group of senior politicians which advises the Queen.

Mr Vaizey was appointed to the Council after the resignation of David Cameron as Prime Minister in July. He can now be called The Right Honourable Ed Vaizey MP.

News Bites

Treasure hunt

OXFORD: A lucky Oxford resident has picked up £750 after winning an electric car treasure hunt.

• Cllrs John Tanner and David Nimmo Smith with the lucky winner Morgane de Salvage

Morgane de Salvage, 29, arrived at the mystery location of the electric car at Oxford Castle to claim the cash prize.

The competition was run via social media by Go Ultra Low, a government backed campaign to help people switch to electric vehicles, with the prize money signifying the annual saving drivers can make by switching.

Social inequality

OXFORD: An Oxford University study has discovered that social inequality is linked to heart disease.

Women with lower levels of education and living in more deprived areas of the UK are at greater risk of coronary heart disease, according to the study of more than one million women.

Braving bonfire challenge

By Dominic Thomas

THE Guardian's charity of the year Blue Skye Thinking is asking people to take on a brave challenge this bonfire night.

Founders Sally and Andrew Hall have organised a firewalk at the Nag's Head pub in Abingdon to commemorate what would have been the eighth birthday of their son Skye, who died in 2014.

The charity was set up in his memory after his death due to side effects of his treatment for medulloblastoma, an aggressive brain tumour.

Sally and Andrew are both taking to the hot coals and are hoping that others are up to the challenge too. Sally said: "Born on Bonfire night 2008 at 5.30pm, Skye never gave up.

"His bravery and tenacity in the face of such adversity is testament to his strength of character.

"It only seems right therefore to celebrate his life with something awe inspiring, spectacular and a touch bonkers!

"Andrew and I will both be attempting the walk and I will be thinking of Skye with each of those six steps; what he stood for and how much he would have wanted to be doing it himself."

Tickets to take part in the firewalk are £40 each with a minimum sponsorship of £140, and walkers will receive a T-shirt and enjoy a hog roast, as well as watching the firework spectacle. Spectators are also welcome.

Sally said: "The event not only gives participants the opportunity to do good by raising funds for a deserving cause, but will expand their own mind, and to discover just how much we are truly capable of.

"This is going to be an exciting event and a unique experience for those who take part.

"There is a limited number of places so if anyone is keen we would urge them to sign up straight away."

Skye was also known across the world for his 'Loom to the Moon' campaign which raised awareness of funding for brain tumours, and saw children from across the world donate 30,000 metres of loom bands.

The proceeds of the firewalk will help create a piece of art out of the loom bands to be installed in the foyer of the Oxfordshire's Children's Hospital.

The exciting act of firewalking goes back thousands of years, and is sometimes used as a rite of passage, a test of courage and strength, or in religion as a demonstration of faith.

To sign up for the event visit www.blueskyethinking.org

• Skye Hall with his mum Sally on bonfire night

• Cutting the ribbon to launch the new shuttle bus service

New bus route links science centres

A NEW shuttle bus service running between two of the county's most cutting-edge science centres was launched on Friday, with hopes of encouraging scientific collaboration across the county.

The Science Transit Shuttle bus service was introduced in July but officially opened on Friday to serve the University of Oxford science centre, its Old Road Campus in Headington, and Harwell Campus.

The service allows research staff, students and visitors to move quickly between the centres and is available to students and staff at the university and 5,000 staff at Harwell Campus.

Journeys between the science area and Harwell Campus take 40-50 minutes, and 15-20 minutes to Old Road Campus – significantly faster than the public transport equivalent.

The aim is for the service, which is currently funded by the University and the Science & Technology Facilities Council, to be open to the public once their commercial viability has been established.

Professor Ian Walmsley, who cut the ribbon at the launch along with Professor Andrew Harrison, Chief Executive Officer of Diamond Light Source, said: "The Science Transit Shuttle provides a fast and frequent connection between the campuses, which in turn supports growing interactions between the University and organisations at Harwell."

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Dream realised in the opening of a new deli store

By Samantha McGregor

• *Hannah and Joe, who are at a pop-up shop they ran at Thame Food Festival, have opened a new delicatessen in the town*

AFTER spending months scouring the UK for products Hannah Jones and Joe Bastin opened the doors to their new venture today.

The couple have given up the security of permanent jobs to focus on fulfilling a dream.

With the help of Thame mayor Cllr Linda Emery, they finally opened their new business, a shop called The Deli at No.5, in Buttermarket.

Hannah, 27, and former occupational therapist Joe, 29, travelled the length and breadth of the UK to source products for the delicatessen and lifestyle homeware store.

Hannah said: "We are a young professional couple who decided we wanted to quit our jobs and do something that was meaningful for ourselves.

"Our ethos is 'Celebrating Great British Produce with a Great British Lifestyle'."

Items such as small-batch deli food and alcohol, as well as handmade wooden chopping boards, slate boards, wine racks and pottery will all be on sale in the shop.

Hannah, who most recently worked in the film industry and has also been a lettings agent, said: "We decided we wanted to do something together food related but with a focus on a taste of Britain.

"The products have been sourced from small farms as well as farmers' markets and trade shows in Wales, Cornwall and Scotland.

"I think our alcohol products are quite quirky as they are not what you would find in an off-licence or supermarket. We have beer from the local brewery in Thame."

The pair have been working on fitting out the shop since August, but spent almost five months travelling the UK to source the products.

• There is still time for young entrepreneurs, aged under 30, who have a business idea they want to develop, to enter a Thame business contest. Organised as part of Small Business Saturday, the first prize is £500 cash plus business mentoring, and two runners-up will get free business advice. Enter by Friday, November 4, for more information view thamecentrefirst.org.

Council officers recognised for work

TWO council officers have been recognised for their work on Cherwell's self-build housing programme.

Cherwell's chief executive Sue Smith and Karen Curtin, commercial director, have been selected to feature in the list of 'Who's Who in Local Authority Housing Delivery'.

A total of 35 people were shortlisted from more than 100 nominations of officers and councillors.

Inside Housing's who's who list was published in the magazine last Friday, recognising the most innovative work being done within local government, enabling the building of homes through joint ventures and seeking out new opportunities.

Graven Hill, in Bicester, is set to become the UK's largest self-build community. Last week, a further 12 plots, ranging from two-bedroom to five, were released for sale.

It came seven weeks after the first ten plots were released.

Cllr John Donaldson, Cherwell's lead member for housing said: "Sue and Karen are deserving of this recognition for their forward thinking and commitment."

• *Cherwell's chief executive Sue Smith, right, and Karen Curtin, commercial director, left*

News Bites

Fundraiser total

THAME: A fundraiser with a Frozen and BFG theme raised £350 for Red Kite Children's Centre.

The event was held at the centre earlier this month when children had the chance to meet characters from the Frozen film, as well as Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant.

They also took part in a host of activities which included face painting and making dreamcatchers. There was also a Frozen sensory corner and messy play activities.

Cricket events

THAME: MP Cricket Academy is hosting a week of cricket events starting on Sunday, October 23, with a chance to visit the home of English cricket, Lord's Cricket Ground, take a tour and play in the indoor nets.

From Monday to Thursday, there will be cricket courses for six- to 14-year-olds at Lord Williams's Lower School Sport Hall.

For further information, call MP Sports Academy on 01844 212226 or 07796 987653.

Lights switched on

CHIPPING NORTON: Fairytale Farm, based in Southcombe, near Chipping Norton, has switched on its annual autumn illuminations to add a little sparkle to the site.

It is a visitor attraction with a focus on disabled children and their families. The Enchanted Walk has become a magical wonderland of fairy lights, and an addition to this year's display is a 'Giant's Camera', which shows a friendly giant in various poses.

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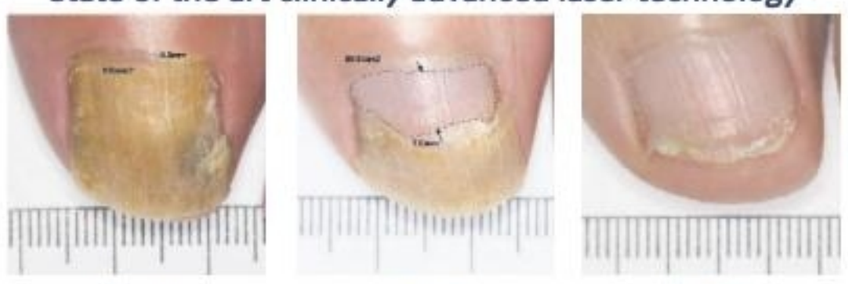

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BATS – Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society will also be flying in with a swift rendition from their next musical, wait for It ladies... The Full Monty. On at the Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke from 16 to 26 November.

If Saturday wasn't Spooky enough, on Sunday you need to be aware of the two stilted "Flying Fox Bats" as they lead their Bat Keeper through the Malls, squealing and flapping as they flit between the audience to the strains of gypsy music. Will you become the Bats next victim as they lure a unsuspecting shopper into their nocturnal world.

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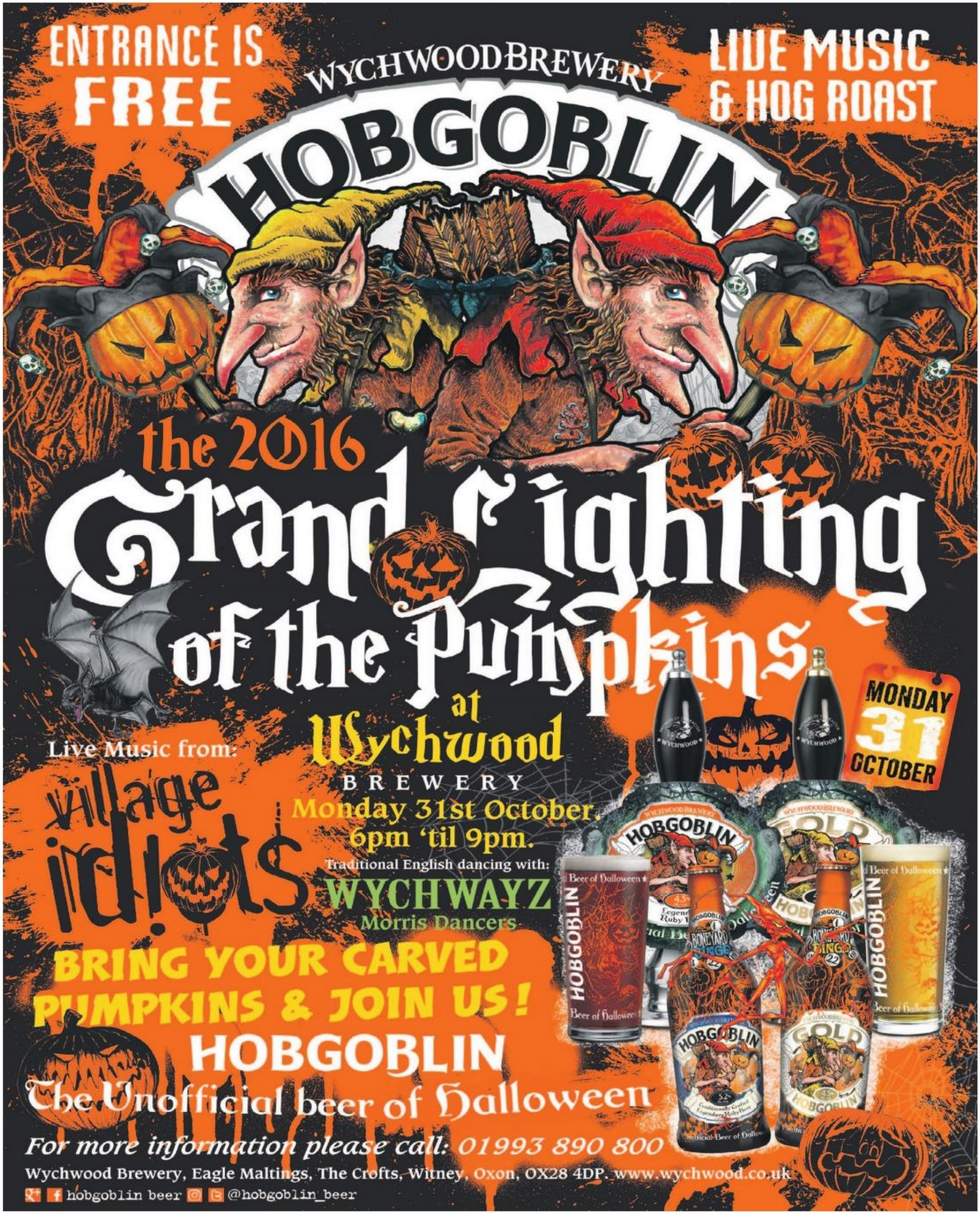
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TO celebrate its new Christmas offering, family theme park, Paultons Park, home of Peppa Pig World is giving away a family ticket to its Christmas at Paultons extravaganza.

After investing more than half a million pounds into its winter wonderland, the theme park has unveiled the magic behind its new look for the festive season, which will include twinkling illuminations, seasonal music and a giant musical Christmas tree.

Families visiting Christmas at Paultons will enjoy Santa's Grotto, as they join a reindeer on his journey to find Santa in time for Christmas Eve. Along the way, children will meet many of the reindeer's animal friends and be greeted by Father Christmas himself at the magical grotto.

After receiving a special present, children can visit the Park's state-of-the-art 4D Show Street Cinema for a screening of the Christmas adventure film, Sleigh Ride, where Blitzen the reindeer and elf Bobo help Santa and save Christmas.

Guests will be entertained with a new daily Christmas Show. Adults can enjoy a complimentary hot fruit punch and a seasonal treat whereas children of course receive a free Christmas present.. Visitors will also be able to enjoy selected rides and attractions, including Peppa Pig World.

For more details please visit www.paultonspark.co.uk.

Closing date: Friday, November 11

Win tickets

To be in with a chance of winning the family tickets just answer the following simple question:

Q: What is Peppa Pig's brother called?

Terms and Conditions:

The prize consists of one day family ticket for two adults and two children. Tickets are valid for the opening weekend ONLY of Christmas at Paultons (Saturday 19 or Sunday 20 November, 2016) .Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged. A time slot to enter the grotto will be allocated in advance of the visit.

Please note that Lost Kingdom (all rides and attractions), Edge, Cobra, Magma, Go-Karts, Dragon Ride, Digger Ride, Seal Falls, Raging River Ride, Sky Swinger, Water Kingdom and Muddy Puddles will not be open for Christmas at Paultons.

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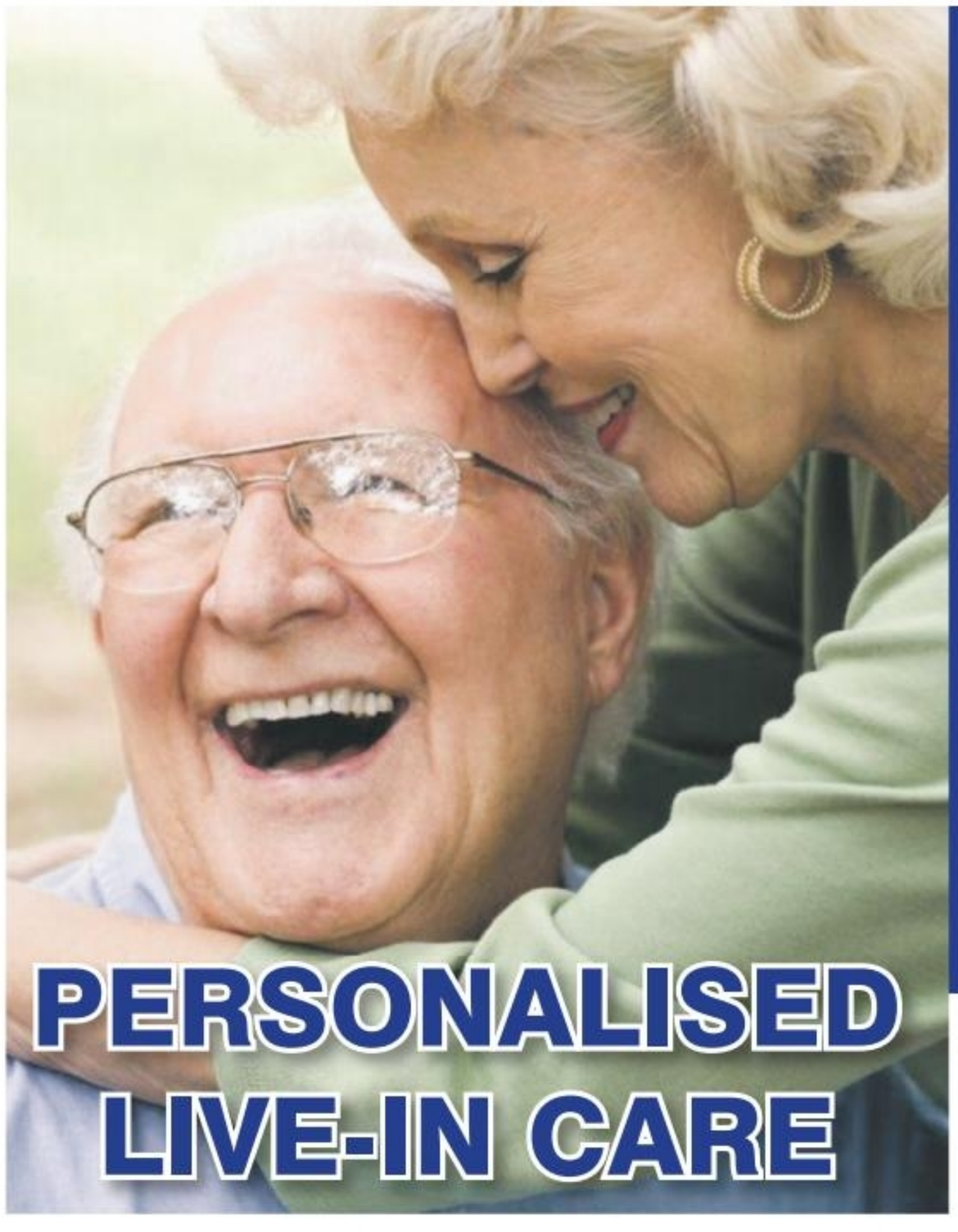

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Quick Clues Across

4 Allow (6)
8 Transporter (7)
9 List of things to be done (6)
10 Afflict (9)
11 Halt (4)
13 Spirited horse (5)
14 Long loose overcoats (7)
16 Discourse (7)
18 Live piece of coal (5)
19 Crude metals (4)
21 Office of foreign power (9)
22 Crown (6)
23 Brown coal (7)
24 Settle comfortably (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Geographical dictionary (9)
2 Expectations (9)
3 Blood-sucker (5)
5 Brink (4)
6 Small space of time (6)
7 Vagrants (6)
9 Coral island (5)
11 Pep pill (9)
12 Determine one's position (9)
15 Besom (5)
16 Capital city (6)
17 Conifers (6)
20 On the move (5)
21 Monk's room (4)

Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Separate after the beginning of French leave? (6)
8 Ostentatious to mop up spilt soup (7)
9 Let man change in the mind (6)
10 Dramatic desire for city transport (6-3)
11 Was once a vegetable, it's said (4)
13 The old Englishman could be right (5)
14 Their work is certainly a grind (7)
16 Eaten up as ten different titbits (7)
18 A Spanish hero's likely to be sharp (5)
19 Produce a change of diet (4)
21 She'll put her money on an old sailor (9)
22 To be fastidious, put out the tin during the day (6)
23 Do they haunt the bar?
24 Encouraging lays? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Foreshadowed an empty decanter? (9)
2 Pale plant has appeal (9)
3 Appropriate wear at the card table (5)
5 First lady has the right - always (4)
6 Former Prime Minister emerged from the battle, entirely unruffled (6)
7 Gnarled fingers lock among the shades (6)
9 Crazy to put the chap in charge (5)
11 The songster has the right to put in a dirty bid (9)
12 CID are up at the end to wipe out (9)
15 Likely to scratch? (5)
16 Tout one's wares - on foot? (6)
17 First class fish not in prime condition (6)
20 Overflow the eastern incline (5)
21 Shock could be the finish of 16 across (4)

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This week's solutions

4	1	2	5	7	8	3	6	9
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5	4	7	9	6	2	3	8	1
1	6	9	7	8	3	5	4	2

Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Permit 8 Career 9 Agenda 10 Persecute 11 Stop 13 Steed 14 Ulsters 16 Lecture 18 Ember 19 Ones 21 Consulate 22 Diadem 23 Lignite 24 Nestle

Down: 1 Gazetteer 2 Prospects 3 Leech 5 Edge 6 Minute 7 Tramps 9 Atoll 11 Stimulant 12 Orientate 15 Broom 16 London 17 Cedars 20 Astir 21 Cell

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Depart 8 Pompous 9 Mental 10 Street-car 11 Been 13 Angle 14 Millers 16 Peanuts 18 Acids 19 Edit 21 Shellback 22 Dainty 23 Spirits 24 Egging

Down: 1 Portended 2 Appellant 3 Suits 5 Ever 6 Attlee 7 Talons 9 Maniac 11 Blackbird 12 Eradicate 15 Itchy 16 Peddle 17 Ailing 20 Slope 21 Stun

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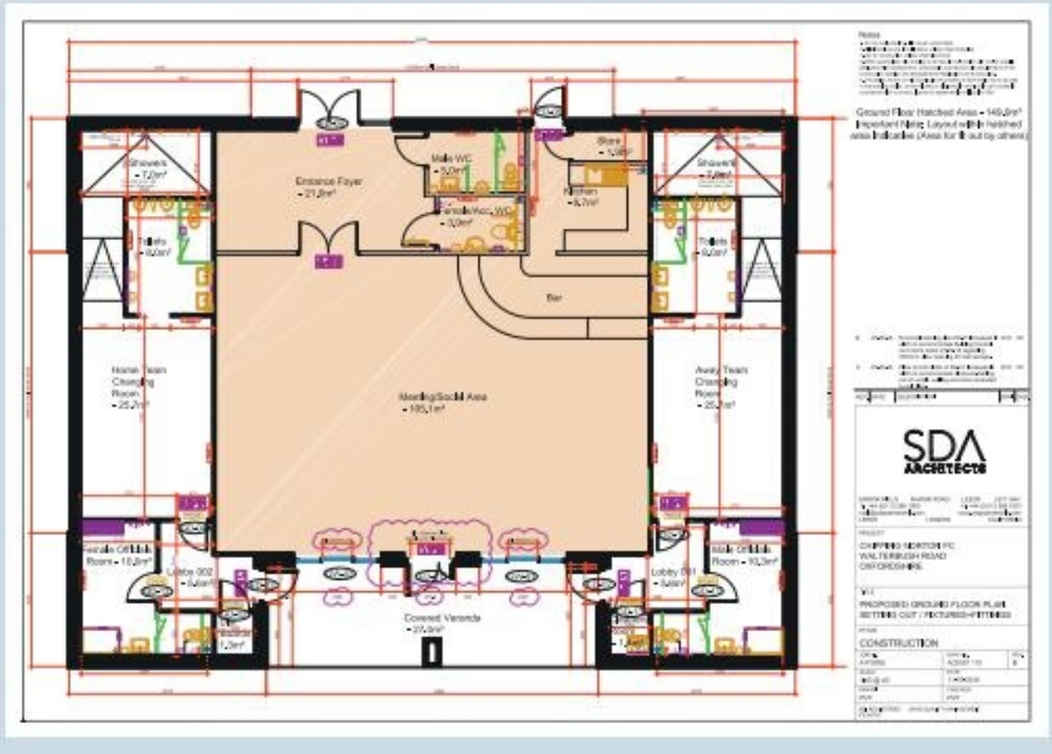

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** (S) **5.25 BBC News** (S) **5.35 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.45 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.35 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

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8.20 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins New series. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which strangers pair up to win money. (S)

9

9.10 Casualty Robyn panics about Glen's sudden disappearance. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11

11.50 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream Romesh Ranganathan visits Canada for a family reunion. (S)

AFTER 12

12.20 FILM Rogue (2007) (15) Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell. (S)
1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.55 BBC News (S)

BBC2

7.55 Coast (S)(R) **8.25 FILM Wonder Man (1945)** (S) **10.00 Natural World: Heligan – Secrets of the Lost Garden** (S)(R) **11.00 Natural World: Jungle Gremlins of Java** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.30 Ingrid Bergman: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM Notorious (1946) (U)** (S) **3.40 Flog It!** (S) **4.00 Nature's Weirdest Events** (S)(R) **5.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.00 Inside the Commons** (S)(R)

7

7.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice With Nadiya Hussain and Ruth Davidson MSP. (S)(R)
7.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

8

8.00 The School That Got Teens Reading Documentary charting a Lancashire school's efforts to inspire reluctant pupils to get into the reading habit. (S)

9

9.00 FILM The Invisible Woman (2013) (12) Premiere. Fact-based period drama, directed by and starring Ralph Fiennes, with Felicity Jones. (S)

10

10.45 Artsnight: The Man Booker Prize 2016 David Baddiel introduces this year's Man Booker Prize shortlist. (S)

11

11.15 FILM Revolutionary Road (2008) (15) Sam Mendes' 1950s-set drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. (S)

AFTER 12

1.05 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation (S)(R)
2.05 FILM Renoir (2012) (12) Drama, starring Michel Bouquet. **3.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.30 Cash Trapped** (S)(R) **1.30 Puppy Secrets: The First Six Months** (S)(R) **2.30 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **3.30 Thunderbirds Are Go 4.25 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)

7

7.00 Meet the Parents Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best. (S)

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8.00 The X Factor The live stage of the talent contest continues, as the remaining acts perform once again in front of the judges. (S)

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9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show The host chats to Cold Feet stars James Nesbitt, John Thomson and Fay Ripley, comedian Joe Lycett, and Phil Collins, who will also be performing. (S)

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10.55 ITV News; Weather (S)

11

11.15 FILM Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) Comedy, with Sid James and Kenneth Williams. (S)

AFTER 12

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.40 Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship 7.05 Motor Sport: Caterham (S) **7.35 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.25 Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms** (S) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.20 Four in a Bed** (S) **4.55 My Kitchen Rules UK** (S) **5.50 The Crystal Maze SU2C Celebrity Special** (S)(R) **6.45 Channel 4 News** (S)

7

7.05 Hunt for the Arctic Ghost Ship Cameras follow the expedition that discovered the Victorian ship HMS Erebus. (S)(R)

8

8.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson Tony follows the Ridgeway from the Wiltshire Downs to the banks of the Thames. (S)

9

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the quiz. (S)

10

10.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position in the 18th round of the season. (S)

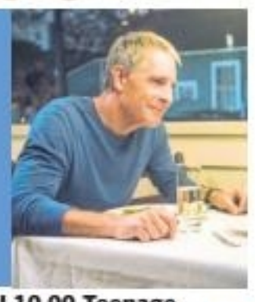
11

11.30 FILM Locke (2013) (15) Thriller, with Tom Hardy. (S)

AFTER 12

1.10 FILM The Great Beauty (2013) (15) Comedy drama, starring Toni Servillo. **3.35** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **5.45** Food Unwrapped (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **11.10 FILM Carry On Sergeant (1958) (U)** (S) **12.40 FILM Carry On Regardless (1961) (U)** (S) **2.25 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **3.25 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords Revisited 2** (S)(R) **4.25 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up** (S)(R) **5.25 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.20 NCIS** (S)(R)

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7.05 NCIS McGee tries to quell a crisis in a women's prison. (S)(R)

8

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans A radio show DJ overhears the murder of a US Navy captain via an on-air call. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Aston Villa v Fulham. (S)

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10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 FILM Redbelt (2008) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor. (S)

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AFTER 12

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Police Interceptors (S)(R) **4.00** Raw Recruits: Squaddies at 16 (S)(R) **4.50** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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6.00 Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **11.30** FILM: A Little Princess (1995) (U) Family drama, with Liesel Matthews. **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35** FILM: A Little Princess (1995) (U) Concluded. **1.25** FILM: Nim's Island (2008) (U) Comedy adventure, starring Jodie Foster. **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30** FILM: Nim's Island (2008) (U) Concluded. **3.25** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy. **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30** FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) (PG) Concluded. **5.15** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **6.15** FYI Daily **6.20** FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded. **8.50** Scorpion **9.50** The Xtra Factor Live **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** FILM: Final Destination (2000) (15) Horror, starring Devon Sawa. **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10** FILM: Final Destination (2000) (15) Concluded. **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

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6.00 Doctor at Large **6.50** Judge Judy **7.10** Where the Heart Is **9.15** Wycliffe **10.20** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **11.25** FYI Daily **11.30** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Concluded. **12.10** FILM: Columbo: Double Shock (1973) (U) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau. **1.50** Rosemary & Thyme **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Colditz **1.00** Wycliffe **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America **8.00** The Incredible Human Journey **9.00** The Code **10.55** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **11.55** Heavy Metal Britannia **1.25** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.35** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **3.35** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **8.30** Made in Chelsea **9.35** Baby Daddy **10.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **11.30** Black-ish **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.15** FILM: Stuart Little (1999) (U) Comedy adventure, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (2012) (15) Fantasy thriller, starring Benjamin Walker. **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** The Inbetweeners **1.20** Rude Tube **3.20** Gogglebox **4.10** The Mindy Project **4.50** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tony Robinson: Down Under **9.55** Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson **11.00** Come Dine with Me **1.40** Four in a Bed **4.15** Come Dine with Me **6.55** Penelope Keith's Favourite Villages **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** Tony Robinson: Down Under **10.00** Little British Isles with Alison Steadman **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Tony Robinson: Down Under **2.20** Love Child **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. **1.00** The House of Magic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Murray Blue. **2.40** A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. **4.25** Fletch (1985) (PG) Comedy mystery, starring Chevy Chase. **6.30** A League of Their Own (1992) (PG) Baseball comedy drama, starring Geena Davis. **9.00** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) (PG) Comedy drama, starring Ben Stiller. **11.15** Wanted (2008) (18) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. **1.25** Madhouse (2004) (15) Horror, starring Joshua Leonard. **3.15** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Sin City Motors **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** American Pickers **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Traffic Cops **4.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **8.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Zapped **11.20** Russell Howard's Good News **12.00** Room 101 **1.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.20** Would I Lie to You? **3.00** QI XL **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Last Detective **4.00** Pie in the Sky **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **1.00** An Adventure in Space and Time **2.40** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Sporting Rivalries **12.00** The F1 Show **12.30** Futurama **1.30** Modern Family **4.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **4.30** Yonderland **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 **9.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **10.00** Mount Pleasant **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** UK Border Force **5.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** Without a Trace **11.00** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.30** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.05** The Sopranos **2.25** Entourage **4.00** Fish Town **5.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.25** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** My Family **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.20** Luther **11.40** Secrets and Lies **12.40** Derren Brown: Trick or Treat **2.00** Grimm **2.50** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 Blandings **7.50** Lovejoy **10.20** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Bottom **11.00** Bridget & Eamon **12.10** Inside No 9 **12.50** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **2.10** Bellamy's People **2.40** The Thick of It **3.15** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **3.48** Rex the Runt **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League Preview **7.30** Great Sporting Moments **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Bournemouth v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 12.30pm). Coverage of the top-flight encounter from Vitality Stadium. **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Nottingham Forest v Cardiff City (kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the Championship match from The City Ground. **8.00** EFL Goals **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights

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Character home on market

Unique and filled with character features, this two-bedroom home enjoys all of the advantages of village living.

Located within the village of Drayton and offering two bedrooms, this cottage showcases period features throughout, such as exposed brickwork and beams, whilst having the advantages of modern practical elements.

It is on the market for £295,000 through Andrews estate agents. The living room is the perfect retreat for cooler evenings with a log burner creating a cosy

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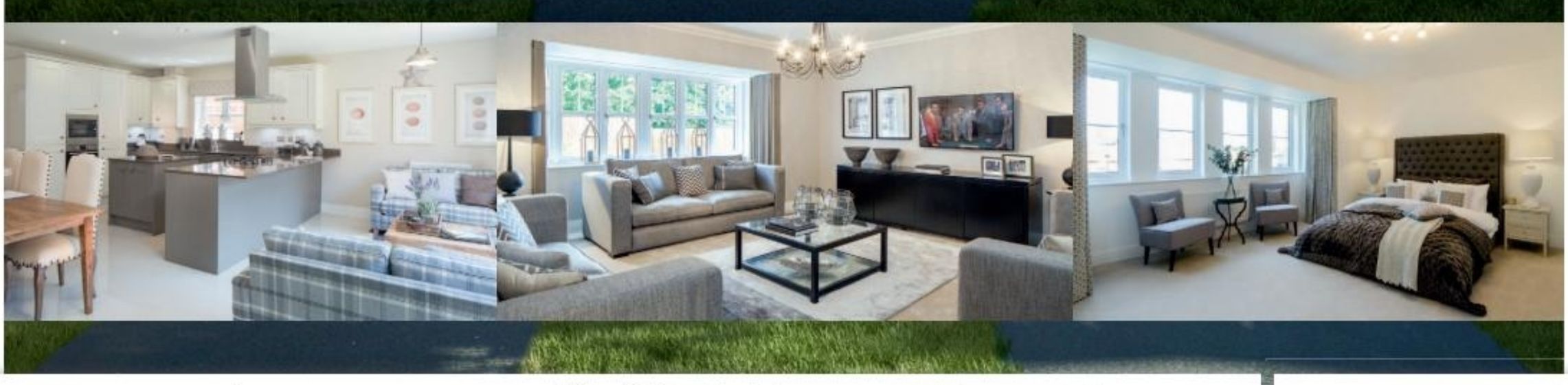

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Village home has price tag of £295,000

• From front page

feel. There is an inner hallway which provides a vital link from the living area to the down-stairs shower-room and fitted kitchen.

The kitchen has views on to the enclosed patio garden and provides direct access via French style patio doors.

The cottage in The Green has been designed to make the most of the space, with both bedrooms having built-in wardrobe cupboards to maximise storage space.

The rear patio garden is the ideal space to enjoy on a sunny afternoon with ample room for potted plants and garden furniture.

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15.8% of Oxford people live in shared households

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and Managing Director of Martin and Co Oxford

How does a canny landlord establish the shape of future demand, so she/he buys the right type of property? As knowing when and where the demand of tenants is going to come from in the coming decade is just as important as knowing the supply side of the buy-to-let equation, in relation to the number of properties built in Oxford, Oxford property prices, Oxford yields and Oxford rents. In 2001, there were 51,700 households with a population of 134,200 in the Oxford City Council area. By 2011, that had grown to 55,400 households and a population of 151,900, meaning, between 2001 and 2011, whilst the number of households in the Oxford City Council area grew by 7.16%, the population grew by 13.19%

Nothing surprising there then you might think, but my analysis of the 2011 census results, using the most recent in-depth data on household formation (eg 'one person households', 'couples/ family households' or 'couples + other adults households and multi-adult households'), has displayed a sudden and unexpected break with the trends of the whole of the 20th century. There has actually been a dramatic change in household formation in Oxford between 2001 and 2011.

Between 2001 and 2011, the population of Oxford grew, as did the number of Oxford properties (because of new home building). However, the growth rate of new properties built in Oxford was much lower than expected, but despite that the population has still grown by what was forecast rather than its growth being constrained by a lack of house building. This must surely mean that the average household size was larger than anticipated in Oxford. In fact, average household size (ie the number of people in each property) in 2011 was almost exactly the same as in 2001, the first time for at least 100 years it had not fallen between censuses. (Since 1911, household size has decreased by around 20% every decade). Looking at figures specifically for Oxford:

•One person households - 32.7%
•Couples/family households – 51.5%
•Couple + other adults/multi-adult households – 15.8%

The decline was reflected in large-scale shifts in the mix of household types. In particular, there were far more "couple + other adults households and multi-adult households" than expected (15.8% is c8,750 households).

This can be put down to two things, firstly, increased international migration; and, secondly, changes to household formation. A particularly important reason for the difference can most probably be attributed to the evidence that migrants initially form fewer households (ie two couples share one property) than those who have lived in the UK all their lives. Also, changes to household formation patterns amongst the rest of the population, including adult children living longer with their parents and

more young adults living in shared accommodation (as can be seen in the growth of HMO properties (Homes in Multiple Occupation). Traditionally in Oxford the term HMO was synonymous with student accommodation, however, as property becomes less affordable, young professionals are increasingly occupying shared accommodation enabling them to move for better jobs or simply to leave the family home earlier than would otherwise be the case.

So, what does all this mean for Oxford homeowners and landlords? Quite a lot in fact. There has been a subtle shift to larger households in the last decade, meaning smart landlords might be tempted to buy slightly larger properties, applying for an HMO licence from the council in order to let their property to multiple professional tenants.

It also means that home owners selling their properties may be advised to market their property more widely via an agent with strong relationships with professional landlords as well as people looking to be owner occupiers.

National housebuilder posts record results

Redrow Homes has posted record results for the year ending June 30, 2016, and the national housebuilder has reported turnover in excess of £1.38bn (up 20%).

The housebuilder's South West Division is also marking a productive year of growth. A total of 486 homes were completed in the South West in the period, a rise of 25% on the previous year. The number of homes planned for the current financial year is also expected to rise to in excess of 500.

Redrow has acquired five new sites and added over 1,000 plots to the land bank, which once completed will represent a sales value in excess of £360m, leading to job creation and added economic benefits for their communities.

Eight new development launches are planned for the forthcoming year in the region in Swindon, Corsham, Bishops Cleeve, Leckhampton, Warminster, Bristol and Stroud.

Lee Hawker, managing director for Redrow Homes South West, pictured, said: "As a division, we've enjoyed another year of growth and are pleased to have played our part in a record breaking year for the group. It's set to be another exciting year launching a number of new sites across the region."

Redrow South West employs 150 staff, of which 19 are trainees and 18 are trade apprentices, as well as providing work for many subcontractors on its sites in the region.

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Whereas when you book your holiday or purchase your groceries online much of the work is done for you, buying or selling property this way can leave you managing much more of the overall process yourself. Some liken this to self-service rather than full service.

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4 BEDS
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Kirby Place, Cowley **£1495**
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Kirby Place, Cowley **£1495**
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Gipsy Lane, Headington **£2100**
Wharton Road, Headington **£1895**
Valentia Road, Headington **£2100**
Randolph Street, Cowley **£1795**
Cricket Road, Cowley **£2400**
Cowley Road, Cowley **£2100**
Shelley Road, Cowley **£1800**

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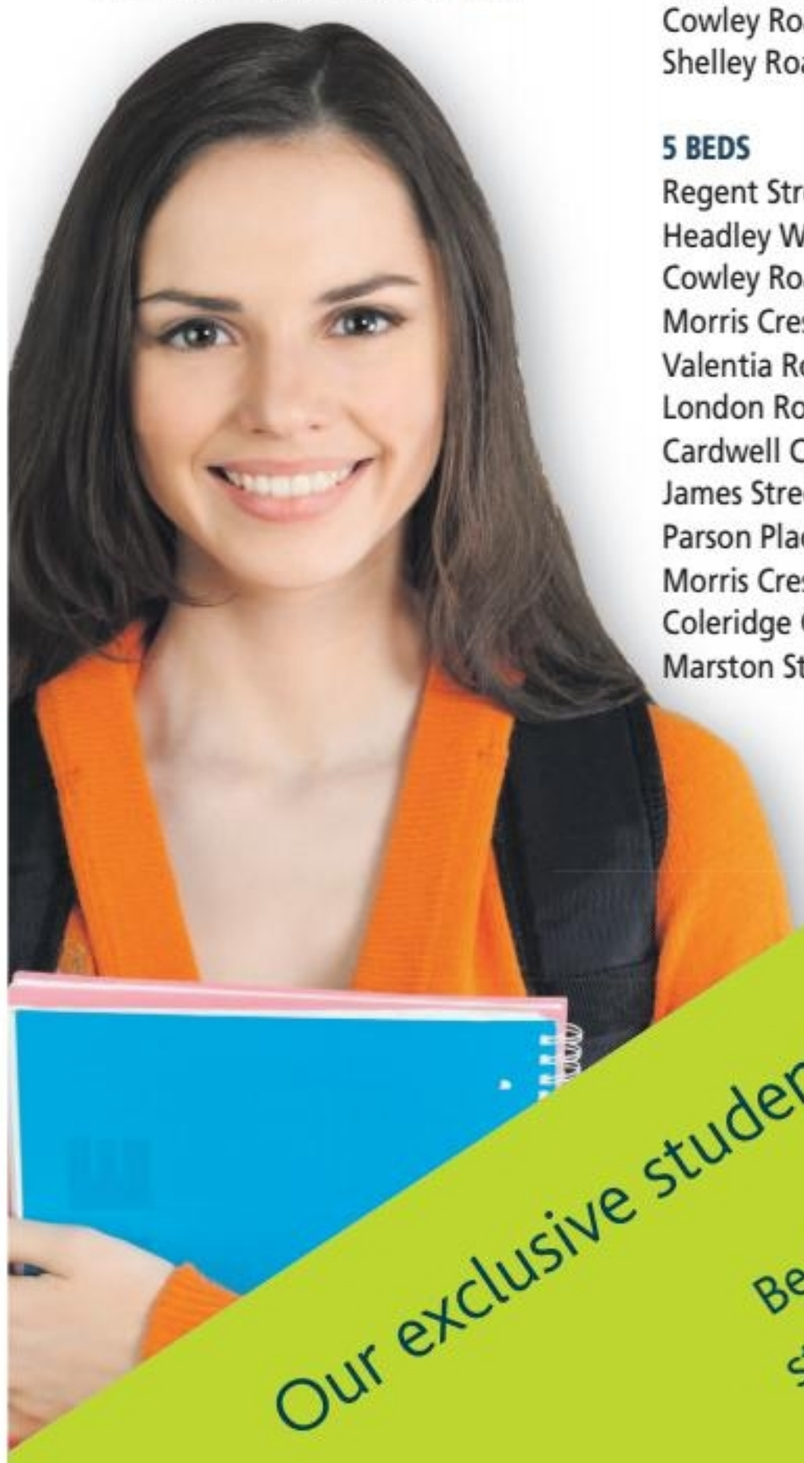

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Standlake OIEO £490,000

This attractive home offers four bedrooms, a kitchen/diner, lounge and two bathrooms. Outside there is a spectacular rear garden which backs on the river Windrush. The property is located in the popular village Standlake, which is situated approximately 5 miles from the market town of Witney. EPC Rating D

Witney £265,000

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Madley Park, Witney £325,000

A very well presented three bedroom semi-detached home. Located on the sought after development of Madley Park, this well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. EPC Rating B.

High Street O.I.E £180,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

NO CHAIN A ground floor flat in Witney town centre, this is one of only nine purpose built apartments set back off the high street. The property offers an open plan kitchen/lounge, bedroom and a shower room. Outside the property is a rear communal garden area and off street parking for one car

Thorney Leys O.I.E £275,000

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WELL PRESENTED three bedroom property located in a quiet cul de sac within walking distance to close shops and facilities at Templars Square plus an excellent bus route. EXTENDED and UPDATED throughout to a high standard and being sold with no onward chain. EPC Rating: D

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Local estate agency Connells in Cowley Oxford are urging homeowners to start marketing their homes now if they want to be moved by Christmas. According to the branch, October is an ideal time to sell your home and by taking advantage of the company's 'Six Week Challenge', customers can successfully sell their property in record time and for the best price.

"October is an ideal time to sell your home," says Julie Calver at Connells Cowley. "It's traditionally one of the busiest times of the year for us with the summer holidays over, and buyers returning to the market keen to purchase before the end of the year."

"Our 'Six Week Challenge' – where we use all our expertise and knowledge of the local housing market to help sellers secure a buyer in less than six weeks - has been hugely successful for our customers over the summer months," continues Julie. "With even more properties required to meet current buyer demand, we would urge those interested in moving to make the most of a buoyant housing market and put us to the challenge!"

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Florence Park £385,000

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Extended three bedroom mid terraced with original features and parking to front, enclosed landscaped rear garden, en suite to master bedroom, bathroom and utility room.

EPC Rating: D

Littlemore £325,000

Extended and refurbished home offered with no onward chain, ideal for a mature family or investors alike. The property has been designed to offer an adaptable living arrangement, open plan lounge kitchen and diner, study/bedroom four, utility room & WC. Three double bedrooms with en-suite to master.
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Greater Leys £275,000

Built by WESTBURY HOMES is this well presented 2 bedroom terraced property being an ideal first time buy. Garage with parking for 2. Both bedrooms benefit from built in wardrobes. White bathroom suite. Located in the desirable close in Greater Leys.
EPC Rating: C

Greater Leys £255,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Cul-de-sac location with garage and off street parking for three vehicles, en-Suite to Master bedroom. On entering the property the entrance hall leads into the Kitchen with dining area. The lounge has double glazed doors to rear garden. Stairs to the first landing from the lounge with access into two bedrooms and bathroom. EPC Rating: Awaited

Greater Leys £280,000

Built by Bovis homes is this end of terraced house situated in a cul-de-sac location within the popular Greater Leys area. The property is in good order throughout and perfect for a family or young couple. Comprising of downstairs toilet, kitchen, lounge/dining area, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway. EPC Rating: D

Cowley/Headington £325,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

This three bedroom mid terraced is fully double glazed and gas central heating throughout. Located on the Cowley/ Headington borders. Accommodation offers: - entrance, fitted kitchen, lounge/dining room, utility, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet.
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Headington **£475,000**

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Headington **£500,000**

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Headington **£250,000**

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Headington **OIE £650,000**

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Headington **£410,000**

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Headington **£400,000**

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Brill **£285,000**

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Thame **£400,000**

A lovely and well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property located just a short distance from the historical market town centre of Thame. The property, which has been subject to a rear extension and a garage conversion gives the prospective buyer plenty of space with a bright and airy feel with neutral, well presented decor.

Thame **£490,000**

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Thame **£425,000**

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Thame **£300,000**

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Chalgrove **£340,000**

With two double bedrooms and one single, this property has been cleverly extended into the garage to give a spacious downstairs living area with two reception rooms.

Brill **£525,000**

This fine home has been the subject of extension and alteration over recent years and now provides larger than average living accommodation throughout. The current owners have maintained the property to a high internal specification and an early inspection is strongly advised.

Chalgrove **£425,000**

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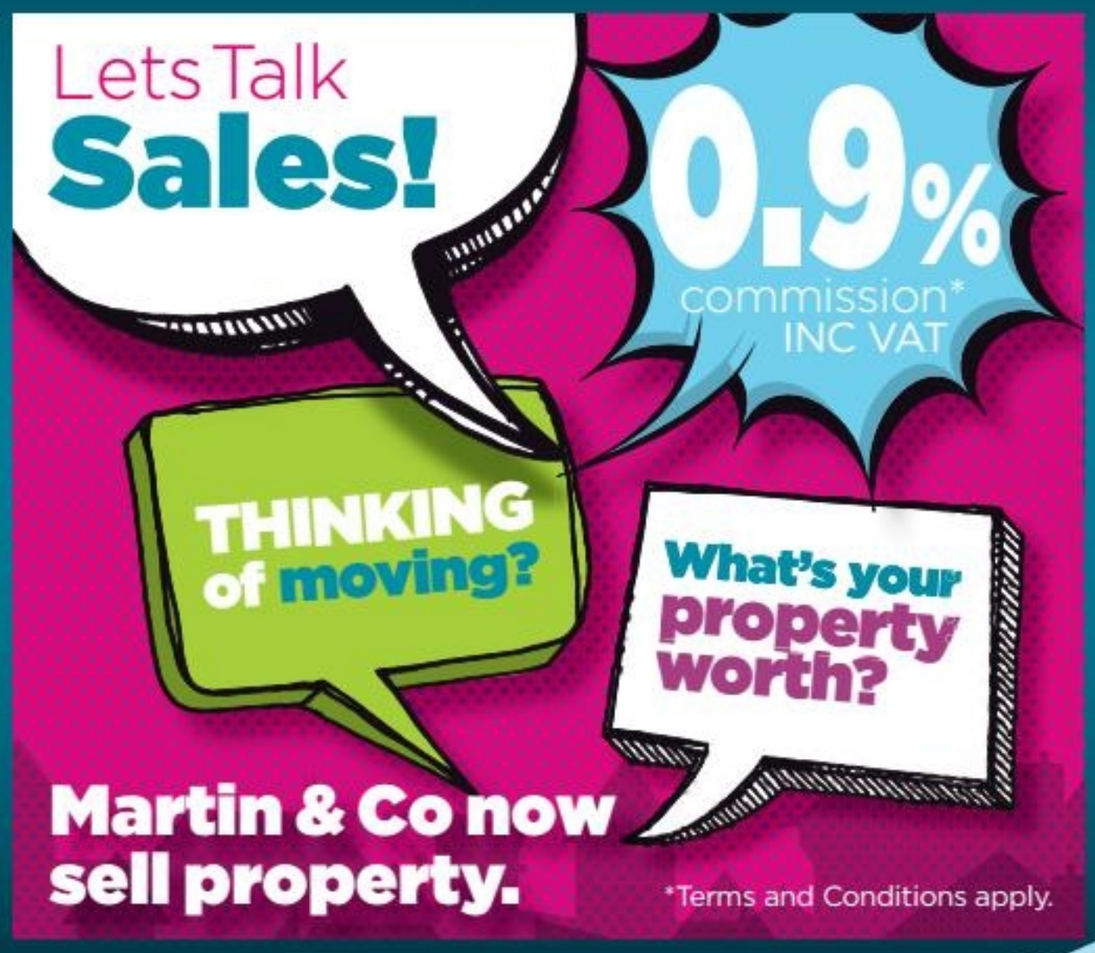

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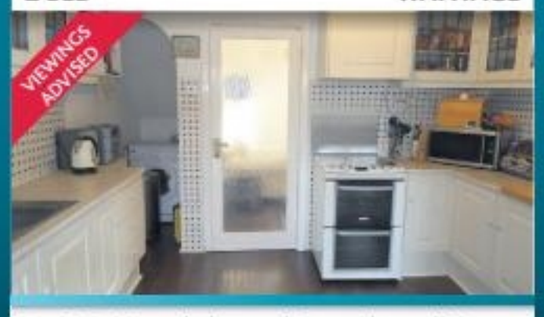

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BBC1

Countryfile, 6.15pm

11.00 Sunday Politics (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Points of View** (S) **3.15 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **4.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.50 Attenborough & the Giant Dinosaur** (S)(R) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** (S)

7

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The results of last night's contest. (S)

8

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce and the team value more rarities at Baddesley Clinton, near Solihull. (S)

9

9.00 Poldark Ross and Dwight face trial after the disastrous smuggling incident. George continues to send men to make Elizabeth feel threatened. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman presents Premier League highlight. (S)

11

11.30 FILM Eagle Eye (2008) (12) Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan and Rosario Dawson. (S)

AFTER 12

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Horizon: The Wildest Weather in the Universe, 8pm

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **7.00 Glorious Gardens from Above** (S)(R) **7.45 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.45 Food & Drink** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **2.00 American Football: NFL Live** (S) **6.00 Who's Spending Britain's Billions?** (S)(R)

7.00 Inside Obama's White House The story of how Barack Obama resolved to reform the healthcare system in the United States. (S)(R)

8.00 Horizon: The Wildest Weather in the Universe Scientists conducting research into weather on other planets. (S)

9.00 Wild West: America's Great Frontier The series concludes with a journey along America's West coast. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 Mock the Week With Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne and Romesh Ranganathan. (S)(R)
10.35 QI XL New series. Extended edition of Sandi Toksvig's debut as host. (S)

11.20 FILM Downfall (2004) (15) Fact-based Second World War drama recreating the final days of Adolf Hitler. Starring Bruno Ganz and Juliane Kohler.

1.45 Sign Zone: Aberfan: The Fight for Justice (S)(R) **2.45** Countryfile (S)(R) **3.40** Holby City (S)(R) **4.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Chase Celebrity Special, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) **11.25 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 The X Factor** (S)(R) **2.30 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **4.30 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **5.30 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special Angellica Bell, Oritse Williams, Leslie Ash and Ian Lavender work as a team to take on quiz genius the Chaser. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents last night's results, before the two lowest-scoring contestants compete in a sing-off. (S)

9.00 Tutankhamun Carter returns to the Valley of the Kings to complete his search as the First World War draws to a close,. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (S)(R)

11.15 Murder, She Wrote Disaster strikes on the set of a sitcom. (S)(R)

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Grand Budapest Hotel, 9pm

6.15 Shipping Wars (S) **7.05 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.30 Posh Pawnbrokers** (S) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) (PG)** (S) **3.35 Child Genius vs Celebrities: SU2C Special** (S)(R) **4.35 FILM Sister Act (1992) (PG)** Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Virginia McKenna's Born Free The actress returns to the locations of the classic movie about a lion being reared by humans. (S)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys New series. Timothy West and Prunella Scales take a trip to Bristol. (S)

9.00 FILM The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014) (15) Premiere. Wes Anderson's comedy drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Tony Revolori. (S)

11.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Highlights Steve Jones presents action from the 18th round of the season at the Circuit of the Americas. (S)

1.00 FILM Baggage Claim (2013) (12) (S) **2.35** Food Unwrapped (S)(R) **3.05** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **3.20** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5

Ice Road Truckers, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.40 Football on 5 (S)(R) **9.30 Football on 5** (S)(R) **10.00 Great South Run** (S) **12.05 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **1.05 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S)(R) **1.35 FILM Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (2011) (PG)** (S) **3.40 FILM Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U)** (S) **5.15 Now That's Funny!** (S) **6.15 FILM Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) (PG)** (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers Ice road rookie Mike attempts his first solo delivery. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM Need for Speed (2014) (12) Premiere. An ex-convict returns to the illegal street racing circuit to get revenge for his unjust imprisonment. Action adventure, with Aaron Paul. (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.00** The X Factor **10.55** Coronation Street **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45** I'm a Celeb: Junglicious Moments **2.45** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Comedy, starring David Arquette. **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** FILM: See Spot Run (2001) (PG) Concluded. **4.40** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Live action and animated comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Concluded. **6.25** FILM: Twilight (2008) (12) Romantic fantasy, starring Kristen Stewart. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: Twilight (2008) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Inspector Morse **8.30** Heartbeat **10.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.30** Lewis **2.25** FILM: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.05** FILM: Carry On Henry (1971) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** FILM: Carry On Henry (1971) (PG) Concluded. **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Rising Damp Forever **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** Inspector Morse **2.15** The Kindness of Strangers **3.25** May the Best House Win **5.10** You're Only Young Twice **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 British Art at War: Bomberg, Sickert and Nash **8.00** Aberfan: The Green Hollow **9.00** Aberfan: A Concert to Remember **10.00** Arena: The Roundhouse – The People's Palace **11.00** Pink Floyd Beginnings 1967 – 1972 **12.00** Horizon: Dinosaurs – The Hunt for Life **1.00** Oak Tree: Nature's Greatest Survivor **2.30** British Art at War: Bomberg, Sickert and Nash **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Animals Unleashed **6.45** Baby Daddy **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** The Goldbergs **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Made in Chelsea **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** FILM: Stuart Little 2 (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **3.35** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.50** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) (PG) Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. **9.00** Tattoo Fixers: Stand Up to Cancer **10.05** Crazyhead **11.10** The Inbetweeners **12.55** Gogglebox **1.55** Tattoo Fixers: Stand Up to Cancer **2.55** Body Fixers **3.45** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tiny House Nation **9.50** My Floating Home **10.55** Homes by the Sea **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **10.00** Father Ted **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E for Stand Up to Cancer **12.10** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **1.15** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast **2.20** Love Child **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Broken Arrow (1950) (PG) **1.00** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) (PG) **2.40** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) (U) Children's comedy sequel, starring Zachary Gordon. **4.40** City of Ember (2008) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **6.30** Life of Pi (2012) (PG) Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. **9.00** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) (12) Seafaring drama, starring Russell Crowe. **11.40** Piranha 3DD (2012) (18) Comedy horror sequel, starring Danielle Panabaker. **1.20** Sanctum (2011) (15) **3.35** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Carpool **7.20** Top Gear **8.20** Top Gear Bolivia Special **10.00** Top Gear **11.00** Jay Leno's Garage **12.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** American Pickers **6.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** FILM: The Full Monty (1997) (15) **3.00** Red Dwarf **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.15 The Bill **11.15** Bleak House **3.00** Catherine Cookson's The Fifteen Streets **5.25** A Fine Romance **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.05** Rock & Chips **1.05** The Whale **2.50** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **1.00** Don't Tell the Bride **2.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **3.00** The Simpsons **4.30** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** Ross Kemp's Britain **12.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** The Simpsons **1.30** Road Wars **2.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** UK Border Force **5.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **7.00** The British **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** Divorce **10.45** The Night Of **12.30** Aquarius **3.25** Cold Case **4.20** Fish Town **5.10** The British

W SKY: 109

6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Judge Faith **1.00** My Dream Home **4.00** Doctor Who **8.00** I've Got Something to Tell You **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Jo Brand **10.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.05** Code Black **2.30** Cops Uncut **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Blandings **7.40** Lovejoy **11.15** Only Fools and Horses **8.00** FILM: Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949) (U) Ealing black comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **10.10** Marley's Ghosts **10.50** Rex the Runt **11.00** FILM: Withnail & I (1987) (15) Cult black comedy, with Richard E Grant and Paul McGann. **1.15** Bellamy's People **1.55** Stella Street **2.10** Human Remains **2.50** The Armando Iannucci Shows **3.20** Early Doors **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Manchester City v Southampton (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Chelsea v Manchester United (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** EFL Goals **7.30** Live La Liga Football. Real Madrid v Athletic Bilbao (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Nissan Football Special **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Nissan Football Special **1.00** Premier League Legends **2.00** Nissan Football Special **3.00** Premier League Years **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

A bewitching tale

By James Richings

A DIFFERENT take on Macbeth will be on offer at the New Theatre when the WNO (Welsh National Opera) arrive at the George Street venue on Wednesday next week.

Based on the play that William Shakespeare wrote, 'Macbeth' is about a Scottish general who receives a prediction from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland.

Obsessed by this and encouraged to take action by his wife, Macbeth murders King Duncan and takes the Scottish throne for himself.

This opera is based on Verdi's operatic adaptation, which was first performed in 1847.

Assistant director and choreographer Anna Morrissey hopes the audience will go home feeling satisfied, with Anna revealing that director, Oliver Mears, wanted to emphasise to his audience how evil the witches are, something Verdi did with his opera.

Verdi, who took some of Shakespeare's plays as the inspiration for a number of his operas including 'Othello' and 'Falstaff', was determined his witches would be a powerful force in his interpretation of the Scottish play as he described them as 'vulgar', 'bizarre' and 'original'.

"Oliver wanted the witches to be feral and from the darkest corner of nature or a product of the worst atrocities in nature," she says.

"We started from that and developed a family that walked the earth including young, medium and old, ravaged by nature and dead of warmth and colour.

"I think the costumes are a fantasy but maybe remind us in some way of how we may be if we had walked the earth for over a thousand years and had seen the same people making the same decisions and causing the same atrocities. Because of this the audience should find the witches ugly and worrying."

Oliver added: "We see the witches as being somehow the victims of the violence.

"We were very interested in the idea of Macbeth really typifying what we call 'warrior culture' where masculinity is about battle- it's about winning, it's about violence.

"Macbeth typifies this warrior culture, and the character of Duncan is equally implicated and he is by no means innocent."

Tickets cost from £17.50 to £51.90 and it starts at 7.30pm.

• *Miklos Sebestyen as Banquo (Photo by Richard Hubert Smith)*

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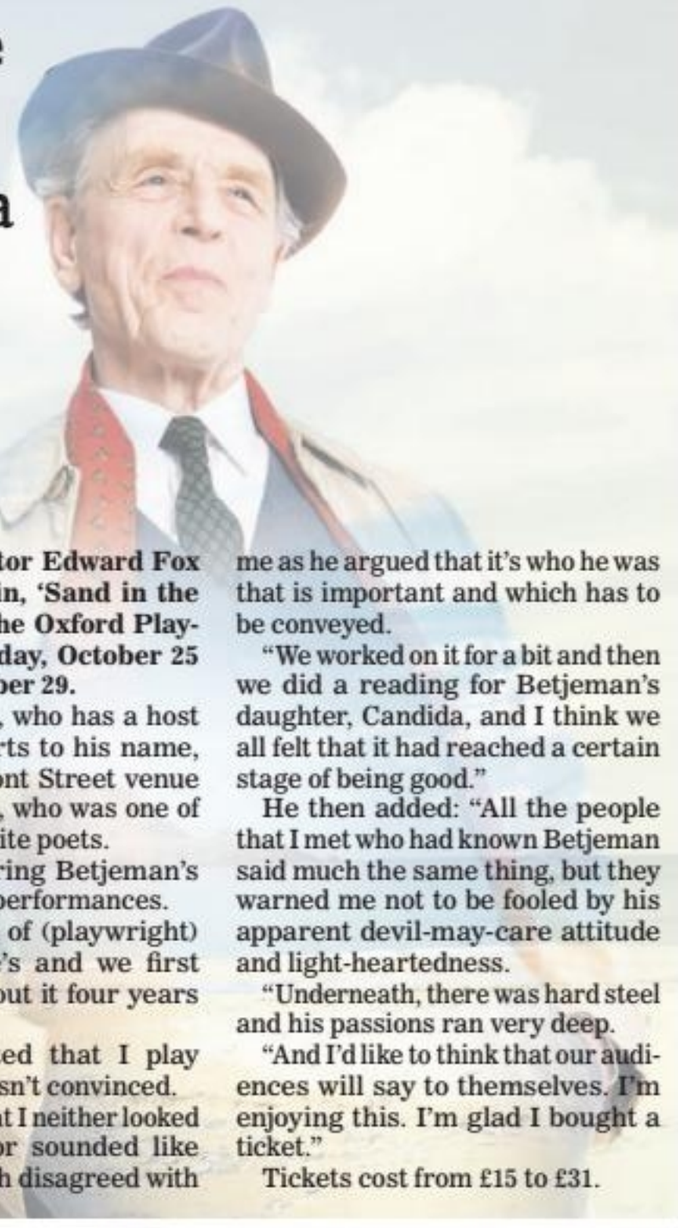

LEGENDARY actor Edward Fox will be starring in, 'Sand in the Sandwiches', at the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday, October 25 to Saturday, October 29.

The 79-year-old, who has a host of well-known parts to his name, visits the Beaumont Street venue as John Betjeman, who was one of the nation's favourite poets.

Fox hopes to bring Betjeman's work to life in the performances.

"It was an idea of (playwright) Hugh Whitemore's and we first began talking about it four years ago," he said.

"Hugh suggested that I play Betjeman but I wasn't convinced.

"I pointed out that I neither looked like Betjeman nor sounded like Betjeman but Hugh disagreed with me as he argued that it's who he was that is important and which has to be conveyed.

"We worked on it for a bit and then we did a reading for Betjeman's daughter, Candida, and I think we all felt that it had reached a certain stage of being good."

He then added: "All the people that I met who had known Betjeman said much the same thing, but they warned me not to be fooled by his apparent devil-may-care attitude and light-heartedness.

"Underneath, there was hard steel and his passions ran very deep.

"And I'd like to think that our audiences will say to themselves. I'm enjoying this. I'm glad I bought a ticket."

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Hawklords are landing

By James Richings

HAWKLORDS will be taking over Oxford's O2 Academy with a digital projected lightshow.

Including some of the original members of popular 70s and 80s rock band Hawkwind, the Hawklords regrouped in 2012.

The band of five is at the O2 on Tuesday, October 25, showcasing their newest album which was out on October 7, 'Fusion'.

Hawkwind are best known for the 1972 hit, 'Silver Machine', which peaked at number three in the charts.

Hawklords' current line-up consists of Jerry Richards (guitarist), Ron Tree (vocals), Harvey Bainbridge (synthesisers) and Dave Pearce (percussion), and Tom Ashurst (bassist) .

Jerry revealed how they rebanded: "Back in 2007, I think many of us (former members of Hawkwind), including me, Harvey Bainbridge and Ron Tree along with Nik Turner, Steve Swindells, Adrian Shaw, Martin Griffin and a few others put on a charity show in Herne Bay to raise money for the widow of Bob Calvert (formere singer with Hawkwind).

"The show went so well that some of us decided to re-form the band and go out on the road with those members who were available at the time.

"Since then, we've recorded five consecutive studio concept albums, two live DVDs and released multiple live recordings too."

He added: "I've known Harvey for about 35 years now, and I've known Ron for around 25 years so we're old pals and we love to play groovy music for our fans and for anybody else that will listen.

"The 1978 Hawklords project was Bob Calvert's idea.

"He wanted to create a touring stage show, in effect, that could perform the ideas that he was then espousing about human interaction and our relationship with our planet and its politics."

Tickets cost £15.18 and doors open at 7pm.

The Hawklords (from left) Dave Pearce, Jerry Richards, Ron Tree and Harvey Bainbridge. Tom Ashurst (inset).

Time for WiFi wars

• *Steve McNeil and Rob Sedgebeer*

A SHOW dubbed one of the UK's first virtual, interactive pieces of theatre will be trialled at Oxford's Glee Club on Sunday.

Long time friends Steve McNeil and Rob Sedgebeer will host 'WiFi Wars', in which they will connect the audience's smart phones and devices to their network.

The pair will then send games to the devices such as 'Pong', 'Whack a Mole' and 'Track and Field' to find the ultimate gaming champion.

"It's an entirely new form of live entertainment," Rob told the Guardian. "We get to build and play video games with huge numbers of people in a way that has never been done before. And it's the ultimate in audience interaction. No other live show demands you keep your mobile phone switched on."

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Blues passion with Babajack

By James Richings

FOLK and roots band Babajack will make their debut performance at The Northcourt in Abingdon on Friday, October 28.

The group has enjoyed a whirlwind of success over the last few years, with their last studio album, 'Running Man', sailing high in the independent music charts and featuring as one of Classic Rock magazine's albums of the year.

If awards and nominations are anything to go by, Babajack must be at the peak of their powers.

The British Blues Awards would seem to agree. Lead vocalist and percussionist Becky Tate has won the 'Instrumentalist of the Year' award four out of the last five years – she was a runner up on one occasion.

Her songwriting partner in the band Trevor Steger, on lead guitar and harmonica, has been runner up 'Harmonica Player of The Year' on four occasions, no mean feat while playing lead guitar at the same time.

The band is no stranger to performing in Oxfordshire, having gigged at The Jericho Tavern and the prestigious Wallingford Blues & Beer Fest.

So what keeps bring them back to Oxfordshire?

"We toured the UK relentlessly for the first five or six years and time and again found ourselves getting a great response from the audiences in this area," Becky said.

"It was after that we pretty much decided to make sure that we would try and get a gig here on every tour.

"It never ceases to amaze me the warmth and generosity of spirit of the audiences.

"Performing live is in my blood, it's in the very fabric of me and the song writing partnership that I have with Trevor really works."

She added: "We're very much not a traditional blues band at all but saying that there's a very strong seam or theme of blues about our music, but I come at the genre from more of a 'World Music' direction but it's more about the musicianship and energy.

"And if we try to take anything from the blues it's the passion and emotion that's allowed it to thrive for over 100 years."

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

• *Babajack lead singer Becky Tate in action*

Dillie Keane comedy

COMEDY: Comedian and musician Dillie Keane will be at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Wednesday, October 26.

The 60-year-old, best known as one third of cabaret group, 'Fascinating Aïda' comes to Spiceball Park as part of her UK tour.

Tickets cost £17.50 and the show starts at 7.30pm.

Young art masters

THEATRE: A family fun production will take place at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Tuesday, October 25.

'The Boy Who Bit Picasso' follows a young boy's friendship with one of the world's greatest artists and takes part in art activities.

Two shows, for four to eight year olds, start at 11am and 2pm and cost £10.

Mason at the O2

MUSICIAN: Singer-songwriter Steve Mason will be making his way to the 02 Academy in Oxford on Wednesday, October 26.

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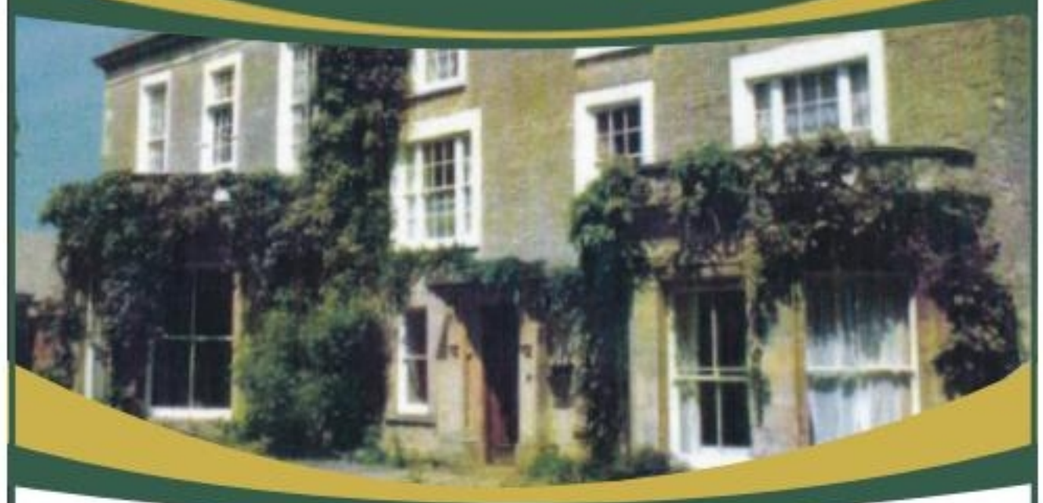

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JP Cooper is a voice that transcends genres. Both effortless and distinctive, Cooper's vocals have won the Manchester-born singer loyal fans across the UK, including some of the biggest names in the music scene including Stormzy and Shaun Mendes.

Fri, Oct 21, 7.30pm
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Brian Cox is perhaps the world's foremost communicator of all things scientific. His innate ability to make highly complex matters enormously entertaining and easy to contemplate has made his science television shows ground breaking in their audience reach and accessibility.

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Sun, Oct 23, 2pm
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Mon, Oct 24, 7pm
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SUNSET SONS
Renowned for their atmospheric and energetic live shows, Sunset Sons support their debut album, Very Rarely Say Die, on a new tour.

Wed, Oct 28, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
STEVE MASON
Meet the Humans is Steve Mason's third solo album following 2010's Boys Outside and 2013's Monkey Minds In The Devil's Time. He supports the album on his latest UK tour.

Fri, Oct 28, 6.30pm
Gentleman's Dub Club,
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Sat, Oct 29, 2.30pm
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Review: The T8 Twin Engine R-Design

Volvo steps up its game with the XC90

By James Richings

I NEVER quite got to grips with the older 'Boxy' XC90. So, when I first got a glimpse of the new XC90 T8, I was actually jumping for joy. Because Volvo had made good on all its promises of producing something bold and new, and what you see before you now is something that can only be described as a thing of beauty.

THE EXTERIOR: The new XC90 stands out from what everybody else is driving around you. It is very futuristic looking, but it does keep some of the standard Volvo appearance I loved so much about the older model – such as being big and bold.

INSIDE: Inside is a real pleasure to behold. It's well equipped and has some very nice touches around the centre console. To be honest, sitting in there is like sitting in the Royal Suite at the The Goring, where everything you will ever need is just a button push away.

Standard equipment on the new XC90 starts with a 9" centre console touch screen, sensus, LED headlights with active beam, two zone climate control with 'CleanZone' air quality system, power operated tailgate with handsfree opening, keyless entry and start, power drivers seat, heated front seats, seven seats - three second row individual folding seats and two third-row individual folding seats. That's just the start. There are option packs to add in even more luxury such as Xenium, Winter and Family.

SPACE: Inside the cabin is a big plus point for the XC90. It has plenty of room for everyone. Boot space is brilliant and even better with its split folding seats. There is more than enough space for your entire family, and while using all seven seats there is still enough room for a few bags.

ON THE ROAD: The XC90 is comfortable and agile enough to keep up with the demands of a heavy foot – but to be honest you don't drive around in a luxury XC90 with your hair on fire – you glide.

HYBRID MODE: The T8 can be run just on the electric motor alone and by using just this function you will get an average range of about 24 miles. But because I'm a petrol head I used a combination of the two and decided to let the car's computer switch between the 320hp petrol engine which drives the front wheels and the large 87hp single electric motor that drives the rear axle.

POWER & PERFORMANCE: This is a key part of the XC90 T8. Volvo claims a 5.6sec 0-62mph and I would agree because it feels immense. When you think about it, that's Porsche beating territory.

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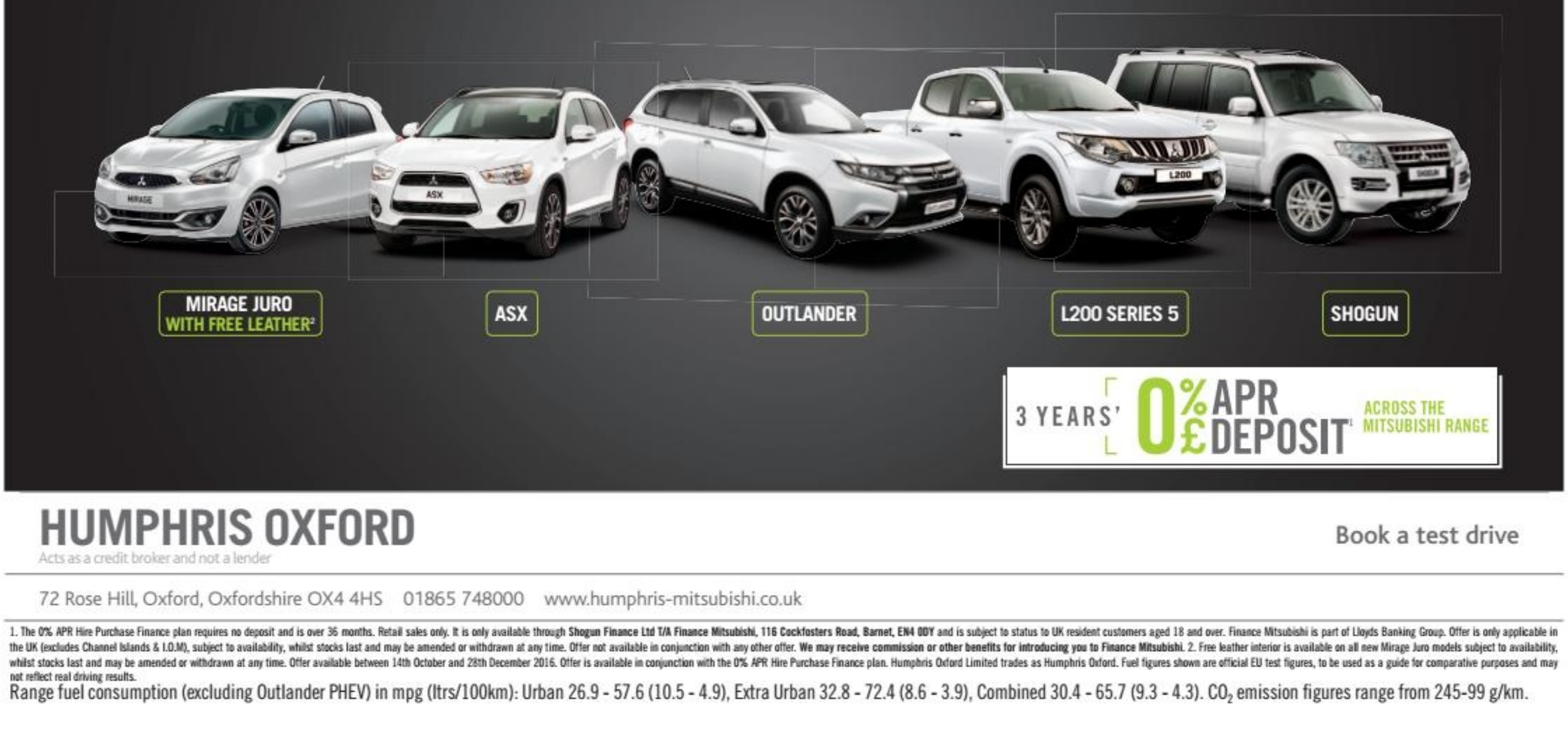

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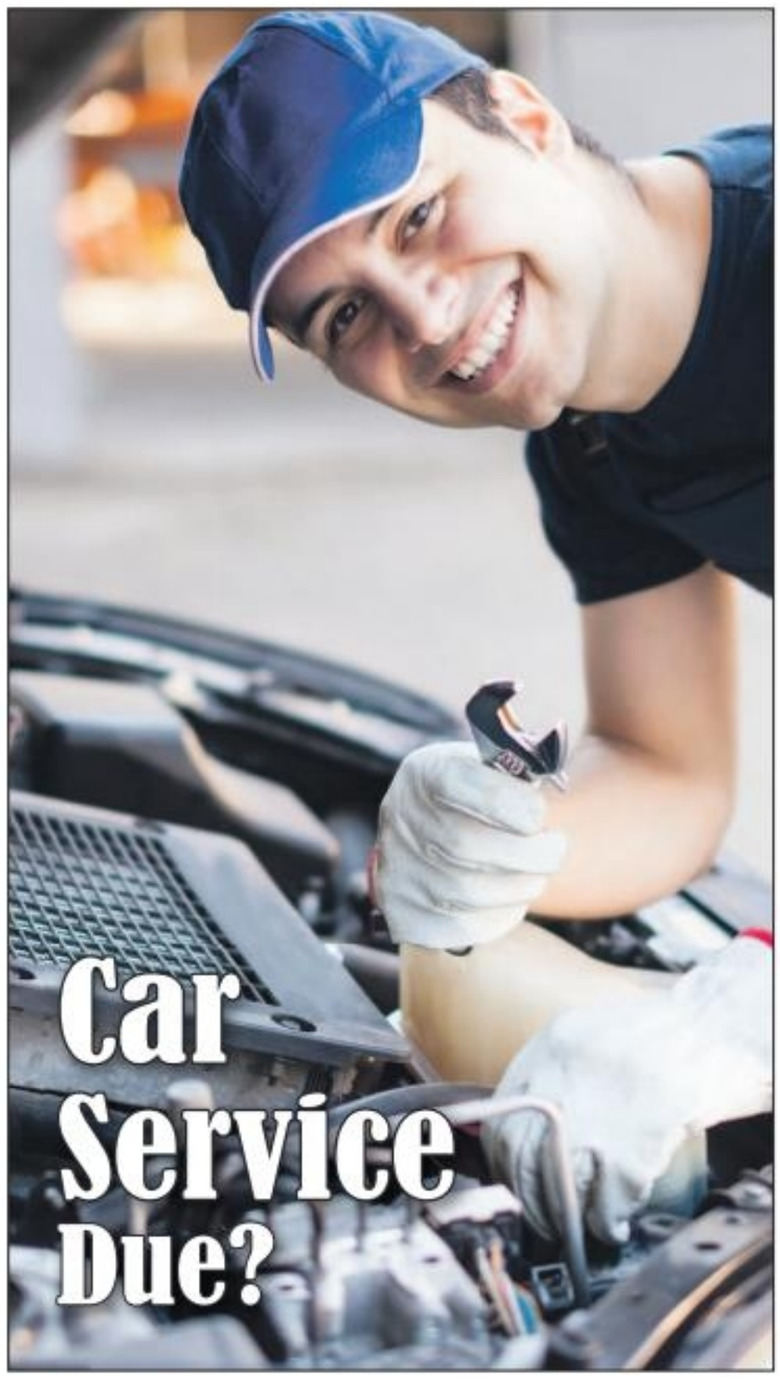

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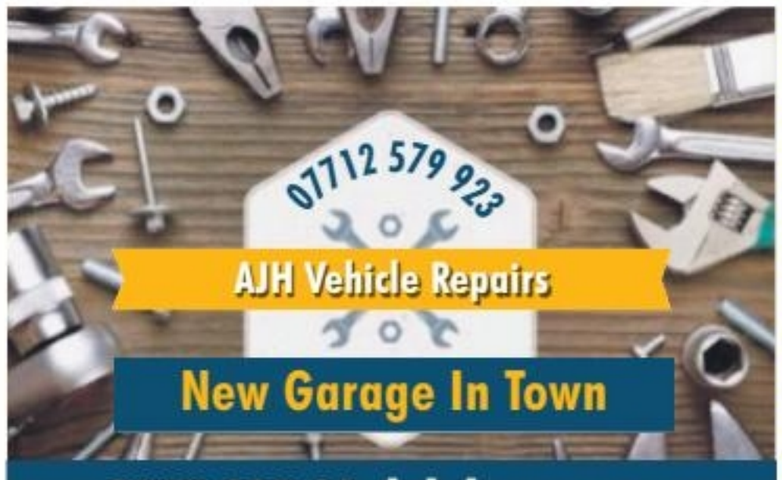

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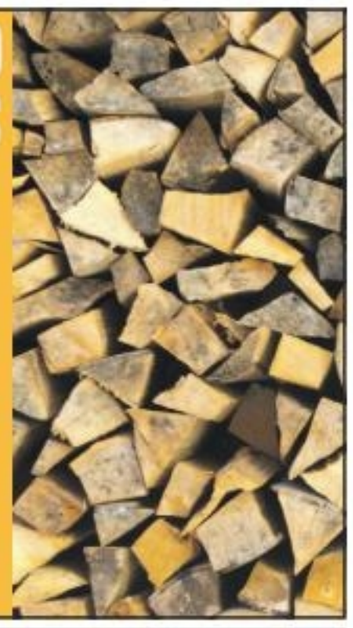

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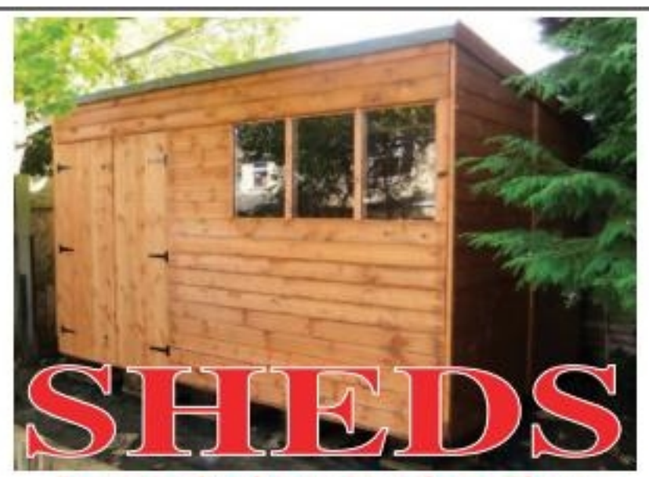

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Outside of Formula One, he was also GP2 champion in 2009, and part of the winning Porsche team in the Le Mans 24 Hours last year.

"I'm very happy to join Renault Sport Formula One Team in 2017," said Hulkenberg.

"Renault has always been a big player in the motorsport world that brings up incredible memories – in his stint with Renault, Michael Schumacher not only helped make Germany an F1 nation, he also sparked my enthusiasm and fire for racing.

"I am grateful that Force India has given me the chance to take up this new opportunity."

Renault are expected to bounce back from a disappointing 2016 season, following their late takeover of the financially troubled Lotus F1 outfit at the end of last year.

So far this year they have scored just eight points, and sit ninth in the constructors' championship standings.

Jerome Stoll, chairman of Renault Sport Racing, said: "This season has been about putting the foundations in place for future success. For our next step we required an experienced driver who is still hungry for podiums – Nico Hulkenberg fulfils this role perfectly and is an excellent complement to what we want to achieve."

• *Nico Hulkenberg will make the switch from Force India to Renault for 2017 (picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)*

Current drivers Kevin Magnussen and Jolyon Palmer are thought to be in the mix to partner Hulkenberg next season, while Williams' Valtteri Bottas and Renault test driver Esteban Ocon are in the frame. Renault have not indicated when they expect to make an announcement on their second driver.

Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	313
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	280
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	212
4. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	170
5. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	165
6. Sebastian Vettel	Ferari	165
7. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**81**
8. Sergio Perez	Force India	80
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	54
10. Felipe Massa	**Williams**	**43**
11. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	42
12. Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	30
13. Romain Grosjean	**Haas**	**28**
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	25
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	19
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**7**
17. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**1**
18. Pascal Wehrlein	**Manor**	**1**
19. Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
20. Esteban Gutierrez	**Haas**	**0**
21. Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23. Rio Haryanto	**Manor**	**0**
24. Esteban Ocon	**Manor**	**0**

Williams target double points finish

WILLIAMS will be looking to get both of their cars to the finish and in the points at this weekend's US Grand Prix, after suffering a double retirement at the Circuit of the Americas last year.

Technical problems blighted Valtteri Bottas and Felipe Massa at the Texan track last year, resulting in the Grove-based squad's first double non-finish since the end of 2012.

Williams are in a battle for fourth place in the constructors' championship with Force India, and are looking for a big haul of points this weekend after slipping back last time out in Japan.

Pat Symonds, Williams' chief technical officer, said: "Whilst last year's event was severely disrupted by weather, we hope for a more straightforward weekend this time around.

"One of the surprise features last year was how bumpy the circuit had become in just 12 months.

"We certainly are hoping that it hasn't degraded any further as last year was a challenge, and ultimately led to the retirement of both our cars."

• *Massa leads Bottas in Japan (Picture Williams Martini Racing)*

Williams are yet to announce who will replace Massa at the end of the season following his retirement, with current favourite Lance Stroll, this year's European F3 champion, completing the season with three wins at Hockenheim over the weekend.

Haas hope for a better performance

HAAS will be hoping for a much better showing at their home Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA) this weekend after a disappointing result last time out in Japan.

The American team, who have a base in Banbury, produced their best-ever qualifying session at Suzuka with both cars in the top-10.

But the race did not pan out as they had hoped, with Romain Grosjean just missing out on a point in 11th and Esteban Gutierrez dropping down to 20th.

However that has not dampened their spirits ahead of this weekend's race.

Team owner Gene Haas said: "As an American team, having an F1 race on American soil is incredibly important."

The race will also mark Grosjean's 100th start in Formula One, having started his career with Renault in 2009.

Fellow Banbury team Manor will also be hoping to improve on their 21st and 22nd place finishes in Japan in Austin this weekend.

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Maguire's late goal ends Bradford's unbeaten run

By Sam Cooper

OXFORD United ended Bradford City's 15-game unbeaten run at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday, with a Chris Maguire free kick in stoppage time stealing the points for the U's.

The Bantams, who had previously been the only unbeaten side in the country in all competitions, remain in second place in League One, with United sitting in tenth but dropping to 13th after Tuesday night's defeat.

Bradford squandered some golden opportunities. After being awarded a penalty in the 21st minute following Charlie Raglan's trip on Timothee Dieng, Bradford striker Billy Clarke struck his shot against the crossbar.

United were on top for the majority of the game and Maguire went close on a couple of occasions, forcing City's Colin Doyle to save a 15-yard volley, and then a headed opportunity.

However, the U's were lucky to stay ahead as Bradford then controlled possession for a period, with Jordy Hiwula missing an opportunity when he skied a volley from 10 yards out.

United keeper Simon Eastwood was forced to save another Clarke chance, as the visitors continued to create opportunities. After Hiwula missed another golden chance from four yards out in the second half, the visitors did not look like scoring, and Oxford looked to have the upper hand in the clash.

But despite this, Oxford struggled to find the net, with striker Ryan Taylor and central defender Chey Dunkley both having efforts saved, with Dunkley's header from a well-delivered corner being cleared off the goal line.

The crowd had to wait until second-half stoppage time for United to finally break the deadlock, when the referee penalised Romain Vincelot for pulling the shirt of U's midfielder John Lundstram.

U's forward Maguire showed great skill and perfect technique to curl his free kick around the City keeper from 23 yards out for his seventh goal of a prolific season since returning to the U's from Rotherham.

The defeat will have stung particularly for Bradford, as their unbeaten run came to an end, and prevented them from closing the gap on top-of-the-table Scunthorpe.

The result marked the club's fifth win out of 13 games so far this season.

• *Chris Maguire celebrates his last-minute winner (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Oxford fall to defeat despite good opening

OXFORD Ladies 1sts failed to capitalise on a confident first half against newly-promoted Basingstoke.

The hosts looked strong in the opening few minutes, with fluid movement and passing and playing plenty of creative hockey.

But Oxford showed more bark than bite in the final third, with chances on goal few and far between.

Basingstoke capitalised and found an opening in the 30th minute to go 1-0 up before the half-time break.

Oxford conceded a second goal just 12 minutes into the second half and the visitors began to dominate as Oxford conceded again just a minute later as a result of sloppy passing.

The score stayed 3-0 to Basingstoke until the 67th minute when Oxford grabbed a consolation goal through Rachael Lammey who tucked the ball away after some great work from Amy Litchfield.

The visitors showed endurance to put two more past the Oxford defence before the close, making the final score 5-1.

Oxford Ladies 2nds overcame Oxford Ladies 3rds 7–2, with goals from Forecast, Choudry, Andrew, Pickervance and Smyth.

Pepperell faces last bid to save his tour card

EDDIE Pepperell's fortunes improved last week as he finished 22nd in the British Masters.

His success at The Grove in Hertfordshire has boosted Pepperell's hopes of keeping his European Tour card for 2017, following a string of poor performances that saw him fail to make the cut six times in a row.

The Frilford Heath Golf Club member carded a worrying first round of +1 after registering four bogeys.

But he redeemed himself in rounds two and three, carding 11 birdies and an eagle over the two days.

A mixed fourth round saw Pepperell finish -8 for the tournament to finish 22nd.

His performance at the British Masters has boosted his place in the rankings to an excruciating 111th.

With only the top 110 earning a card for next season, Pepperell now has just one tournament left to rescue his European Tour for next year.

The pressure is on as he tees off today in Portugal at the Victoria Clube de Golfe in Vilamoura.

He has been grouped for the first two rounds with Scotsman Craig Lee and American Daniel Im.

Smith wins praise for his 13th place

• *Bradley Smith came 13th in Japan (Picture courtesy of Tech3)*

BRADLEY Smith rode his way to 13th at the Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday, despite carrying an injury to his right knee.

The Oxford rider was making his first MotoGP appearance since damaging his knee in August, with the Monster Yamaha Tech 3 rider starting the 24-lap race from the fifth row of the grid.

Smith focused and quickly set into a consistent rhythm, which saw him move up to 15th and back into the points with two thirds of the race still to go. The 25-year-old managed to gain another two places, crossing the line in 13th.

His Yamaha team was thrilled with the result at their home GP.

Smith said: "In the last seven weeks, I've had to watch the rest of the MotoGP world go racing, whilst I've been at home, so it is a good feeling to be back on the grid and getting myself involved.

"I can't be disappointed about a 13th-place finish."

Yamaha team manager Hervé Poncharal said: "I have to say that Bradley did a superb job and I want to give him very special congratulations because when he arrived here on Thursday, we weren't sure if he could even do one lap."

Smith will be raring to go in the Australian GP on Sunday, October 23, at Phillip Island, Melbourne.

City Stars endure mixed fortunes over weekend

OXFORD City Stars had a mixed weekend on the ice, with a 6-1 win away to Bracknell Hornets on Saturday followed by a 10-5 home loss to Chelmsford Chieftains on Sunday.

In a gritty match at Bracknell, goals from Joe Edwards, Darren Elliot and braces from Dom Hopkins and Ondrej Pekarik fired the Stars to victory.

But there was a more sombre atmosphere post-match on Sunday after the Stars conceded 10 goals at home to the Chieftains.

The Stars began well, with Hopkins adding to his weekend tally just four minutes in. But at the end of the first period they were behind after scores from Juraj Huska and Jake Sylvester.

The visitors slotted in a further five in the second period, the first coming after just two minutes.

Despite grabbing another four goals over the second and third periods, the Stars could not contain the Chieftains.

Frustration boiled over in the final period, with Stars' Dax Hedges and Chieftains' Cameron Bartlett dropping gloves and helmets to swing punches with just minutes to play. Both players finished the game in the box.

National League Eastleigh too strong for North Leigh

Millers crushed in cup clash

By George Welch

TEN-MAN North Leigh's FA Cup campaign came to an abrupt end in a thumping 6-0 defeat in the fourth qualifying round at Eastleigh on Saturday.

Despite the thrashing at Ten Acres, the Millers had already made history with their third qualifying round win against Folkestone Invicta, making it the first time the club had progressed beyond the third qualifying round.

Two goals in each half from Ryan Bird and further strikes from Andy Drury and substitute James Constable ensured there was no upset.

Eighth-tier North Leigh play three levels below National League side Eastleigh, who earned £12,500 in prizemoney for reaching the first round proper.

John Brough's side made things even more difficult for themselves on the hour mark when Eric Odhiambo was sent off for his second yellow card.

Although they were on the wrong end of the heavy defeat, North Leigh were not overawed by their higher opposition and in the first half, particularly in the first half hour, they matched their opponents in terms of ball possession and attacks.

North Leigh got off to a good start and moved the ball around with confidence, winning tackles and matching their opponents.

And on six minutes they had the first strike on goal as a good move down the right involving Jon Else and Odhiambo saw the ball squared to Elliott Osborne-Ricketts and on to striker George Seacole who shot wide of former Oxford United keeper Ryan Clarke from 15 yards.

However, Bird's first-half goals on 10 and 32 minutes and the strike by Drury on half-time killed any hope of a comeback.

Bird scored his third and fourth of the afternoon on 54 and 67 minutes – his last goal of the day being a close-range tap-in before being substituted on 72 minutes.

Former Oxford United striker Constable added the Spitfires' sixth when he flicked home a Luke Coulson cross beyond keeper Connor Thompson.

Despite the defeat, North Leigh's bank balance has received a boost after Eastleigh donated the match proceeds to the West Oxfordshire side.

The gesture was made by Eastleigh chairman Stewart Donald, whose company sponsors North Leigh.

• *Ryan Bird scores his fourth of the game (Picture by @tonys_pics)*

Louis scores to mark his debut

• *Jefferson Louis made a goal-scoring debut for Oxford City (Picture by Michael Allen)*

JEFFERSON Louis celebrated his Oxford City debut with the final goal in their 3-1 victory away to Poole on Saturday.

The striker scored in injury time to seal the win, taking City out of the Vanarama National League South relegation zone.

The 37-year-old joined City from Staines last week to help inflict newly-promoted Poole's first home defeat of the season.

First-half goals from Mike Fondop and Scott Davies gave the Hoops the lead at the break before Sam Surridge pulled one back for the hosts and Louis rounded off the win.

However, there was little to choose between the sides in the early stages. A Davies free-kick for City was put behind for a corner, while Poole's Steve Devlin sent his long-range, set-piece effort just wide.

City took a deserved lead after 22 minutes as a James Roberts pass set up Fondop, who shot past Poole keeper Nick Hutchings.

Louis struck an upright with a header, while at the other end City survived a dangerous cross from Luke Burbridge.

City managed to double their lead in first-half injury time, when Roberts was brought down inside the area and Davies made no mistake from 12 yards.

The visitors stayed on top in the second half, but Poole halved the deficit in the 67th minute as substitute Surridge raced through to score.

But City made sure of the points when Louis held off the challenge of a defender to slot home past Hutchings.

Didcot fail to end a winless away streak

DIDCOT were unable to end their losing streak away from home as they went down 3-1 at Winchester City on Saturday.

The Railwaymen began well and Luke Carnell could have opened the scoring but saw his shot fly over the crossbar.

His teammate Jordi Mulvany did better minutes later as his floated free kick from 45 yards was misjudged by Winchester keeper Lewis Noice and hit the back of the net to give the visitors the lead.

Didcot had chances to double their lead with Jordan Graham and Declan Benjamin going close, but neither could add a second goal.

Sam Wilson had the first big chance for the hosts, but could only fire into the side netting.

The hosts capitalised on Didcot's failure to convert as Howard Neighbour tapped in from close range to put Winchester level just minutes before half-time.

Andy Jenkinson then added a quick second to give City the lead in first-half injury time.

Didcot were deflated as Winchester controlled most of the second half and missed a chance to level when Graham was put through on goal only to have his shot saved by Noice.

Substitute Craig Feeney sealed the victory minutes from time to condemn Diddy to a tenth game without victory on the road.

It gets no easier as they travel to league leaders Hereford on Saturday.

Wantage hit by late equaliser

WANTAGE Town were left red-faced as they conceded a late goal to deny their second win in a row in a 1-1 draw at Barnstaple on Saturday.

With only seven minutes gone, Wantage midfielder Jared Jones was given too much time on the ball and coolly slotted it into the top left corner from 20 yards.

Despite continued attacks, Wantage were guilty of over playing the ball in and around the box and could not convert possession into chances.

The Freds defended well and blocked everything that Barnstaple could throw at them and went in one goal ahead at the break.

Things were much the same in the second 45 minutes as the Freds, despite enjoying plenty of possession in and around the Barnstaple penalty area, still could not score.

With only the single goal separating the two teams, Barnstaple pressed hard for an equaliser.

Barnstaple's luck was in when they were awarded a free kick in the 88th minute, just outside the area.

Forward Shaun Copp stepped up and curled the ball into the top-left corner, giving Wantage keeper Edward Cavanagh no chance of getting his hands on it.

The Freds were left feeling disappointed not to come away with all three points, but the single point for the away draw keeps them out of the relegation zone.

The south Oxfordshire side face Wimborne Town on Saturday.

Sport Bites

FA Cup draw

FOOTBALL: Oxford United will face Merstham away in the 1st round of the FA Cup on the weekend of November 5 and 6.

The Surrey village team play in the Isthmian League Premier Division, the seventh tier of English football, and are appearing in the first round for the first time.

The U's made it to the cup's fourth round last season, beating Premier League side Swansea City before losing to Championship team Blackburn Rovers.

Pro tops order

GOLF: Oxford Golf Centre professional Adam Wootton has topped the Virgin Atlantic Southern PGA order of merit.

The 29-year-old is looking forward to the PGA play-offs at Saunton next week, from which the best two competitors will qualify for next year's British Masters.

The pro is enjoying one of his best years yet, having played well from tee to green, and holing improved numbers of putts.

Louis signs on

FOOTBALL: Striker Jefferson Louis has made the 37th move of his 20-year playing career by joining Oxford City.

Louis, 37, established himself with Oxford United from 2002 before spells with Bristol Rovers, Stevenage, Mansfield and Wrexham among others.

He scored for the Hoops, his 26th club, on his debut in Saturday's 3-1 win at Poole Town.

His sole international cap for Dominica came in a World Cup qualifier against Barbados in March 2008, which Dominica lost 1-0.

See match report left

Hawks felled

RUGBY: Henley Hawks squandered a first-half lead and conceded three tries in the final quarter against Cinderford, who came from behind to win 30-23 at the Beavis Memorial Ground.

The Hawks were hurt by their penalty count, conceding nine in the first half alone.

Henley's tries came from Brad Cook and Xavier Andre, with Hawks hanging on for the losing bonus point thanks to the boot of George Jackson.

Oxford win

SWIMMING: The City of Oxford team began their National Area League, Premier Division campaign in style, following their third-place result at last year's National B Finals.

City sailed away with a 19-point victory in the meet at High Wycombe.

Oxford totalled 23 wins, 15 seconds and 8 thirds, scoring an impressive 252 points to put themselves in a good spot for qualification for the league's regional final in December.

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Dire showing sparks apology from U's boss

Coventry City 2
Oxford United 1

• *Coventry-born Dan Crowley nets against his hometown club (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

OXFORD United head coach Michael Appleton apologised to fans after his side's lacklustre display in Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat at Coventry City.

A stunning first-half goal from youngster Ben Stevenson and a Marvin Sordell strike on half-time did the damage for the Sky Blues, who were the League One's basement club going into the match.

Managerless City were given a scare when substitute and Coventry-born Dan Crowley scored for Oxford in injury time, but it proved just a consolation. United's performance was below par, forcing Appleton's message to the fans.

The U's manager said: "My apologies go out to all of them on behalf of the players and the staff. Our standards are much higher than we set in the first half and although we were much improved in the second half, the damage was done."

Oxford could have taken the lead in the 22nd minute when Chey Dunkley saw his header from a corner hit the crossbar.

United were made to pay in the 28th minute when Coventry midfielder Stevenson rifled in a 25-yard shot which gave Oxford keeper Simon Eastwood no chance.

And City's safety net arrived two minutes before half-time when U's defender Phil Edwards tried to head a long pass from Chris McCann back to Eastwood, unaware his keeper had dashed off his line and leaving striker Sordell, who once cost Bolton Wanderers £2m, the simple task of side-footing into the empty net.

More than 2,100 United fans made the 80-minute journey to the Ricoh Arena for the first meeting of the teams since 1988.

United made a stark improvement at the start of the second half. Another Dunkley header went close before Chris Maguire's free kick brought a fine save from keeper Lee Burge.

Marvin Johnson, Crowley and Tyler Roberts replaced Alex MacDonald, Ryan Taylor and Kane Hemmings respectively but the Yellows struggled to force their way back into the match.

But there was late hope when Crowley smashed the ball home in injury time after a Maguire cross was only half-cleared.

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